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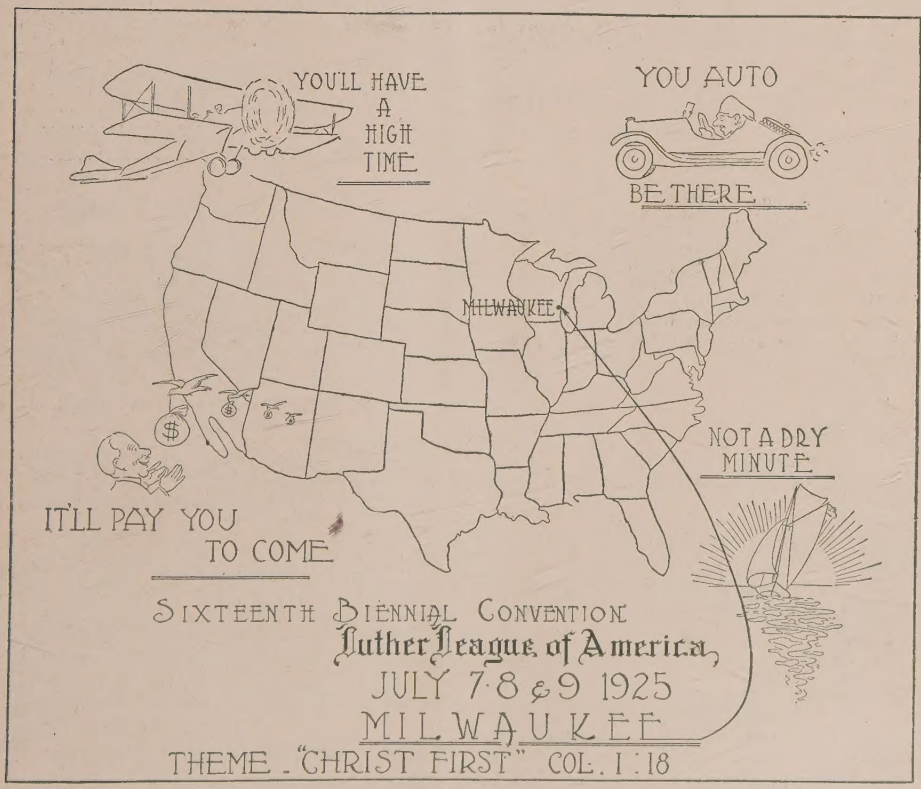

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These books ought to be in the library of every Lutheran Sunday School and Young People's Society.

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The books can be secured from the United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

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"Of the Church, By the Church, For the Church"

Official Call for the Sixteenth Biennial Convention

Church of the Redeemer, 19th & Grand Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 7, 8, 9, 1925

REPRESENTATION.

Any society of whatever name, connected with a congregation or institution of learning of the United Lutheran Church and District and State organizations whose admission shall have been recommended by the Committee on Credentials, are entitled to membership with representations as follows: Each society admitted to membership shall be entitled to one delegate, each District League to three delegates, and each State or Synodical organization to ten delegates. Delegates to the Convention are expected and required to present properly certified credentials. The credentials should be signed by the President and Secretary of each organization, whether State, District or Local League. Delegates will be asked to pay a REGISTRATION FEE of $1.00.

CREDENTIALS.

Credential blanks for delegates should be secured at once by State, District and Local Officers from the General Secretary. All credentials should be filled out in duplicate, one part being sent to the General Secretary and the other part retained by the delegate for presentation to the Credential Committee at Milwaukee. Uniform blank forms will be sent upon request. Credentials should be sent to the General Secretary not later than June 1.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Particulars as to program, train service, hotels and local arrangements will be found on other pages.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will furnish official information each month relative to the Convention and after the Convention will publish a CONVENTION NUMBER containing full reports of the proceedings.

Subscriptions should be made now to secure the pre-Convention Number of the REVIEW and also the CONVENTION NUMBER.

The Wisconsin Hotel will be the Convention Headquarters. (See News Department.)

Arrange your vacation to include July 7, 8, 9, and spend it at Milwaukee.

By direction of the Executive Committee.

HARRY HODGES,
General Secretary,
707 Muhlenberg Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

CONVENTION SPECIAL TRAIN NEW YORK TO MILWAUKEE

Via the Pennsylvania Railroad & Chicago & Northwestern Railway

JULY 6th, 1925

Leave New York, Pennsylvania station	8.00 A.M.
Leave Newark, Park Place	8.08 A.M.
Arrive Philadelphia, Broad St. Station	10.00 A.M.
Leave Philadelphia, Broad St. Station	10:25 A.M.
Arrive Harrisburg	12.53 P.M.
Leave Washington, D. C.	7.45 A.M.
Leave Baltimore, Md.	8.55 A.M.
Arrive Harrisburg, Penna.	11.15 A.M.
Leave Harrisburg, Pa.	1.03 P.M.
Leave Pittsburgh, Pa.	9.00 P.M.

Stopping at all points in Ohio and Indiana.

JULY 7th, 1925

Arrive Chicago, Ill. (Union Station)	8.00 A.M.
Leave Chicago (C. & N. W.)	9.00 A.M. or 10.25 A.M.
Arrive Milwaukee, Wis.	11.10 A.M. or 12.30 P.M.

PULLMAN FARES TO CHICAGO

From	Lower Berth	Upper Berth	Compartment	Drawing Room	R.R. Fares on above train to Milwaukee
New York	$9.00	$7.20	$25.50	$31.50	$39.36
Newark	9.00	7.20	25.50	31.50	39.05
Philadelphia	8.25	6.60	23.25	30.00	34.92
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Washington	8.25	6.60	23.25	30.00	30.84
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Pittsburgh	4.50	3.60	12.75	16.50	19.94

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THE MILWAUKEE CONVENTION ...PROGRAM...

THEME—CHRIST FIRST—COL. 1:18.

"And He is the head of the body, the Church; who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; THAT IN ALL THINGS HE MIGHT HAVE THE PREEMINENCE."

The Bee Hive Convention

Swarming at Milwaukee

Tuesday, July 7

1.00 P. M.—Conference of State and District Officers.
3.00 P. M.—Convention Business.
8.00 P. M.—Keynote Address: "Christ First."
9.30 P. M.—Reception.

Wednesday, July 8

9.30 A. M.—Devotions.
10.00 A. M.—EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.
Address: "Christ First in Education."
Bible Study Methods.
Topic Study Methods.
Reading Course Methods.
11.00 A. M.—MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.
Address: "Christ First in Missions."
Missionary Topics.
Missionary Methods.
A Missionary Objective.
2.00 P. M.—Devotions.
2.30 P. M.—LIFE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.
Address: "Christ First in Life Service."
Life Service Plans.
Life Service Methods.
3.30 P. M.—INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.
Address: "Christ First in the Intermediate Department."
The Intermediate Boy.
The Intermediate Girl.
Intermediate Methods.
7.00 P. M.—BANQUET.

Thursday, July 9

9.30 A. M.—Devotions.
10.00 A. M. — JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.
Address: "Christ First in the Junior Department."
Junior Plans and Methods.
Junior Demonstration.
2.00 P. M.—Devotions.
2.30 P. M.—Business.
4:30 P. M.—Sight Seeing Trip.
8.00 P. M.—Address: "Going Forward with Christ."
Pageant: "The Reply of Youth."

THE SPEAKERS:

The Revs. Bard, Beiber, Blackwelder, Hein, Ingvoldstadt, Jensen, Long, Portz, Roehner, Sundberg, Swank, Strock, Teufel, Traver, Zander, Messrs. Ettinger, Frey, Misses Mehlhouse, Nelson, Scherer, Sister Pearle Lyerly.

On Being a Delegate

We have been so impressed with the reading of an article under the above heading that we cannot refrain from handing on a few quotations, in preparation for our coming convention at Milwaukee.

"Unless the delegates have an enthusiastic spirit, how flat and dull the programs seem: I have been to conventions where one after another rose when called upon and said, more or less audibly, 'We have received so much, expended so much, have a balance in the treasury of so many dollars and so many cents.' How the listeners come to loathe that 'Balance in the treasury.' We want money; everywhere money is needed; but that is only one result to work for. To be a good delegate you must not get figures and statistics into your head, you must get the spirit of the meeting. To do this, it is essential that you feel yourself really a part of it. Do not let yourself even mentally say, 'they' did thus and so; say 'we' did it.

"I do not know of any surer way of killing one's interest in any cooperative gathering than to straggle in late, skipping the devotional half hour, coming in to distract others and to try to pick up threads yourself after the program is well under way. You don't like to make yourself conspicuous, so you sit down on the outskirts, and you complain that women's voices are inaudible. Come to the assembly promptly and stay until it is over.

"Stop your ears to the siren call of the shops, be deaf to the lure of public buildings, of motor rides to see the town; luncheons and lingering chats with outside friends. Concentrate: Do yourself what you think the whole body of delegates ought to do. Be in your own place, ready to use your own wits to make the occasion a success and your presence of value. Consider the problems discussed as carefully as you do the dining room paper. Don't be afraid to say what you think. You need not bob up every minute or be so 'numerous' that every one dreads the sound of your voice, but quietly take for granted that your opinion is worth the weight of one person's opinion and that you are there to give it.

"Go with an open mind, so as to get the benefit of what others think. Don't intrench yourself behind a breastwork of what 'our league' has always done.

"To bring back a message that will pay them for sending you, it is your business to 'Stop' at the literature table, at the exhibits, take time, don't just glance at them as you pass. Look for new ideas, for old material never used in your league, for material used and reused, but which can be freshened up till it looks new. Soak in information.

"Have a handy but generous notebook and a fountain pen, that can be depended upon to 'fount.' Make notes all the time; every work will recall some thing of value.

"And have a good time doing all these things. Even so conservative an authority as Isaac Watts tells us that 'Religion never was designed to make our pleasures less.' It is just as much fun to go to a brisk, inspiring church meeting as it is to go to a stagey, artificial matinee. The people you fraternize with are just as good-looking and well-dressed and intelligent as those in your club. And they have just as horizon-broadening an outlook and just as keen a flair for a good joke.

"Do not be thinking all the time of the report you must give when you get back. Your mind will be getting so saturated that you will simply have to give it a squeeze when the time comes. When the time does come to talk to your league (and may it be as soon as possible), do not, before your audience, struggle to decipher hasty notes. Go over these in private, decide what to tell and what it is no use to try to tell; classify and systematize. Do not give a catalogue of names as informing, but as uninteresting as a dictionary; do not tell what chapter was read and what hymn sung; do not say, 'This was wonderful,' or 'That was thrilling'; try to tell why it was so.

"Catch the spirit of the gathering and try to give it to others; waste no interest on petty details. Try to kindle in the leaguers who did not go a spark of that electric enthusiasm which comes from the endeavor, hand in hand and heart to heart, to do in the very best possible way a big piece of worth while work."

NEAR EAST RELIEF

According to the program of the Near East Relief work in the United States, that city which shows the fullest co-operation of its people in Near East Relief work has the honor and privilege of selecting one of its citizens to go on a journey to Palestine and the region of Near East Relief operations. This trip is given without expense to the one elected. He is known as the Ambassador to the Near East, and is the representative of all America for this work.

This year Columbia, S. C., won the distinction of being the banner city in America, and when the ambassador was elected in Columbia recently, Mr. Raymond Wood, a member of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Rev. P. D. Brown, pastor, was elected to be America's Ambassador. Mr. Wood is a sterling young man of the finest character and is now a freshman in Newberry College. He is preparing for the gospel ministry. Ebenezer Lutheran Church rejoices that this honor has come to one of her members and particularly so since the one selected is so worthy and deserving of the honor that has come to him.

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

ALL ROADS LEAD TO?

Not Rome This Time, But Milwaukee

As we write these lines we are on our way to do our "personal bit" at a Spring Luther League Convention. In the company there are splendid delegations, which have the same destination in view. Some of them are "old war horses" and are seriously concerned about the various problems which shall claim attention when the destination is reached. Others find this not only the first Convention but also the first trip away from home. Some have the "extreme" spirit of the youth of today and look upon this trip merely as an opportunity of having a "good time." Not one of us is averse to real enjoyment but we realize full well the responsibility of teaching, to these who are a bit "embryonic" in their understanding of the source of real enjoyment, that happiness is one of those things which we do not get by "chasing after."

At once we are making a mental trip to Milwaukee where a great program will be in store for all who will attend and we believe the influence will by no means end with Milwaukee. The entire program there will tell the youth where that elusive thing erroneously called a "good time" may be found. "*Christ First*" always means happiness in the truest sense of the word. Give Him *pre-eminence* and that inner longing will find its rest.

We are to have a small part on the program of our National Convention and our discussion of "Life Service Plans and Methods" will attempt to bring before us just what we have been trying to say in various ways, that the "love of Christ should constrain us," that "we are bought with a price," that "our lives must count for Him," that our great privileges and responsibilities remain the same regardless of what occupation we may choose. This we shall try to say in workable plans. Until then we shall *all* plan to go to Milwaukee, July 7-9.

Books

Requests continue to come to our office desiring information concerning some of the best books which have appeared on the subject of Life Service. While some of the best may have escaped our notice and time forbidden a review of others, we feel very free to call attention to a list following. Some of these are written entirely for the purpose of giving proper views and ideals to the youth himself; some of the others are written more especially for the leaders of youth and for those who are trying in an intelligent manner to solve this "imminent" problem. The titles in most instances will at once classify these books for the reader. Some of the best books are purposely omitted from this list for the reason that we have called attention to them in previous issues of the REVIEW. Please refer to your files and compare the lists.

"'The Choice of a Career," Evans and Brown.

"What Are You Worth?" Chas. L. Goodell.

"Who's Who in the Universe?" J. R. Gettys.

"How Jesus Met Life Questions," Harrison; Elliott.

"Out Into Life," Douglas Horton.

"What Ails the Youth," Geo. M. Coe.

"Scouting and Religion," C. E. Guy.

"The Challenge of Youth," A. E. Stearns.

"Education for Successful Living," James E. Clarke.

"In the Light of Faith," Haas.

"Workers With God," Greever.

"Life Thoughts for Young Men," Rhoades.

"Life Thoughts for Young Women," Rhoades.

"Lectures to Young Men," Beecher.

"The Stewardship that Gets Results."

"Mine and Thine," F. H. Keeney.

"Save a Tenth and Give a Tenth," Edwin H. Hughes.

"The Storehouse Plan at Work," John Richards.

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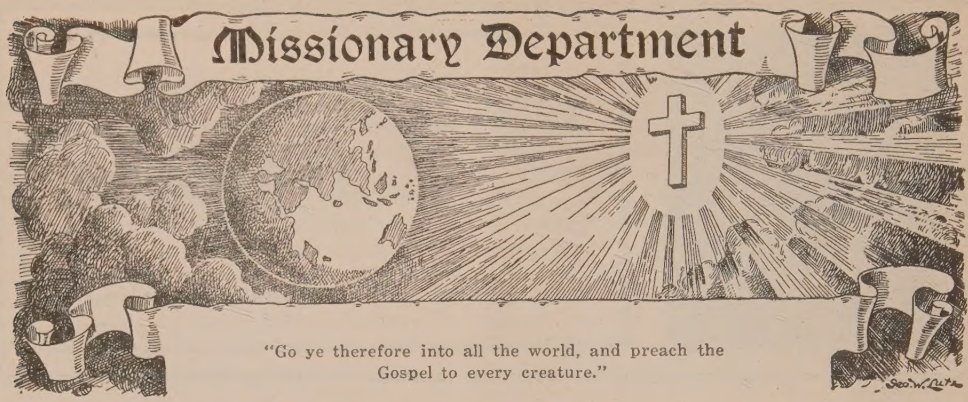

THE MISSIONARY PROGRAM AT MILWAUKEE

Last Month

This page last month endeavored to give some Missionary Reasons for Going to Milwaukee. This month we want to tell, with the other Departments of the League Work, what part the Missionary Department will have on the program.

The General Plan

The Milwaukee program will be very practical. You can see that in a moment's glance at the announcements. The aim is to exalt Christ in the details of our League work. Each Department of our League will have one hour in which to tell its story and make its plea.

The Missionary Hour

On Wednesday morning, July 8, at 11 o'clock, the Missionary Department will answer when the President calls its name. We will have from 11 to 12 o'clock. Help to make this a banner hour.

Four Addresses of Fifteen Minutes Each

The Missionary Secretary has been asked to make the first speech on the subject "Christ First in Missions." Miss Tilda Nelson, who is the General Secretary of the Young Women's Work for the Women's Missionary Society of our Church will present next the subject, "Missionary Topics." She will give you real material for notes and some new ideas. Miss May Scherer, one of the best informed Luther League workers in the South, will present the practical subject of "Missionary Methods." She will fill fifteen minutes full. Dr. J. Roy Strock will close the hour with a ringing challenge of "A Missionary Objective." This will be answered in one of the business sessions later. Dr. Strock has spoken at our League gatherings in all parts of the country and is already introduced to hundreds of our folks. He is to be the President of the new Andhra Christian College. Mr. R. B. Manikam, who made such a fine impression in his speech at the Chicago Convention of the United Lutheran Church, is being asked to speak in connection with the banquet. He is taking his "Doctor's Degree" just now at Columbia University and will teach in the new Andhra College.

Pray

Ask God to bless this hour and all the other hours of our Convention. Come, expecting a real blessing. Ask Him to guide our Luther League of America to choose well her missionary objectives and warm our hearts to a missionary enthusiasm we never knew before. See you in Milwaukee!

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BOOKS

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"Prayer as a World Power," Geo. Elliott.

(The last five of the above list are pamphlets. Sample copies may be had by addressing The World Service Commission, 740 Rush St., Chicago, Ill.)

"The Challenge of God! Will You Accept It?" Geo. W. Englar.

"Honoring the Lord," S. G. Dornblaser.

(The two above are also pamphlets and may be had from our Publication Board.)

"The Stewardship of Self," Lynn Harold Hough. (Pamphlet.)

"Stewardship for All of Life," Luther E. Lovejoy.

"The Family," Committee on Moral and Social Welfare.

"The Sunday Problem," Committee on Moral and Social Welfare.

"Our Church," Key Book, Several Authors.

"Forces in Foreign Missions," Geo. Drach.

If you want to read a History of The Church with the "dry bones" taken out, read "The Story of the Church," Chas. M. Jacobs. Every League or Sunday School Library should have this book and every Leaguer should *want* to read it. He will be a far more intelligent Christian and Church worker. Get it.

Methods

SOME PRE-CONVENTION THOUGHTS

Milwaukee is ready—are you?

Study the Program—page 5.

To be ready for the next big task, come to Milwaukee and consult the leaders.

The way out of many league difficulties leads through Milwaukee.

A high place always broadens the view. The Luther League high spot for alert leaguers is Milwaukee.

To think ahead you must let others stimulate your thinking. A good place to get the help from other heads will be Milwaukee.

To improve team work the wise league will spend some money and send their pastor and president to Milwaukee.

The best informed leaders know that there is yet much that they don't know; therefore they are constant students and keen observers. Such persons are worth coming in contact with. You will find them at Milwaukee. Another reason why you should attend the convention.

What the Convention Should Accomplish

It should clarify objectives.

It should establish standards.

It should add to the sum total of our knowledge.

It should improve the efficiency of our leaders.

It should mean greater growth of the Leagues.

It should develop unity, fellowship and solidarity.

It should result in greater intelligence in the service of the young people.

It should stimulate a profound conviction in the great mission of the Luther League to the youth of the church, resulting in renewed consecration to its ideals, new loyalty to its service and finer spiritual resolutions for the future.

Possible Convention Results

A recreated body, mind and spirit.

An acquaintance with the leaders of Leaguedom.

An opportunity to see, hear and meet leaders in the Lutheran Church.

An appreciation of the greatness of our church and its program.

A conviction that we personally have responsibilities that we must not evade.

A realization of the relation of the work of the local league to the Luther League of America's program.

An enlarged circle of friends of which the Man of Galilee is the centre.

New plans, programs, games, stunts, yells, songs, etc., to enliven the home league.

A conception of God's purpose and program for the salvation of the world.

A deeper prayer life.

Training to meet some definite task at home.

A determination to find some definite work in the home church and to help the pastor put over his program.

A Parable

"Now there was a certain Battery which dwelt in a Flash-light, and gave light unto the dark places.

"And it came to pass on a night that the Battery became greatly alarmed, for it saw that the light which it gave was growing more and more feeble. And the Battery spake unto itself after this manner:

"'Ah, woe is me, for my strength is growing feeble, and my light is waning. I no longer can fulfil my mission.'

"And even as he spake his light flickered, and went out.

"And then it came to pass that there came one to inspect the lights; and, when he saw that this one was out, he was very wroth and cried:

"'Forsooth, this Battery is run down. The junk-pile for it.'

"Then was the Battery exceeding sorrowful, and said within itself:

"'Ah, I am indeed undone to be thus cut off in the bloom of my youth. For I am not yet old, merely run down.'

"Then he who was Inspector removed the Battery from its place with no gentleness, and made as if to hurl it away. But, even as his hand was stretched out over the junk-heap, he drew it back, saying:

"'Nay, not so, for the Battery looketh yet

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The Social Meeting

"A MAN'S AMUSEMENTS ARE REALLY A SERIOUS PART OF HIS LIFE. IT IS AS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW HOW TO RECREATE ONE'S SELF AS IT IS TO KNOW HOW TO CREATE. WE MUST LEARN TO PLAY."

FIELDS OF SOCIAL ACTIVITY

The fields of opportunity for recreation are manifold. In your social program utilize everything you can, every element of our everyday life to make your program effective.

Recreation and good times divide naturally into the following fields.

The Real Social

The party or social at the church must aim to satisfy all the various people there. There is a wide field in the way of various formal parties and informal socials.

Dramatization

There is a wonderful opportunity here.

All ages, from the children up—love to "act out" things.

We all love to impersonate, imitate.

Let the Juniors dramatize various Bible stories.

Have the Intermediates impersonate the scenes and characters in their mission study classes and missionary meetings.

Have the Young People's Society put on a series of Bible plays, or a pageant with a missionary or educational message.

There is a wide field in pageantry.

And there are many books on the market which makes their arranging easy.

Music

There are many people in the church, from the children up, who play some instrument.

Organize Musical Clubs.

Let them help in the organizations of the church, Luther League, Sunday School orchestra, etc.

Have social times within these circles.

Let them help with new hymns.

Organize a Junior choir.

There are usually a group musically inclined in every church, and this is the class who do not care for camping and strenuous recreation.

Yet recreation is a necessity, and you can minister to their needs in this way.

Athletics

A big field here.

We need a gym in the church these days.

Have a gym class for each of the groups in the church.

Have competitive games—marble contests, jack contests, and the like, for the Juniors.

Plan for the Intermediates.

A group of boys who have a gym available one night a week under the supervision of some Christian man will naturally fall into Sunday School, they feel they belong to the church, that they are a part of it.

Can do the same for the girls.

Have volley ball and basket ball games.

Intermediate work almost demands this.

Have swimming contests—perhaps the Y. W. or Y. M. C. A. will be found available, need not always depend upon the church building itself for all recreational facilities.

Use every bit of opportunity that comes along—but keep all the recreational life under the supervision of the church.

Then provide something for the older groups—tennis and baseball and camping—for the summer, and gym classes and contests—during the winter.

Nature Study

Have hikes—but have hikes with a purpose—bird and flower study, for example.

Especially with Intermediates is this appropriate.

Learn something while you are hiking.

Arrange historical trips.

Visit institutions of the church, and historical shrines.

Arrange trips for the Juniors—Intermediates—adults.

An appeal comes to all through Nature, and an education through visits such as just suggested.

General Secretary's Letter

DEAR LUTHER LEAGUERS:—

This is the last letter that I will be privileged to address to you before the Milwaukee Convention. Please read every page of this REVIEW so that you will miss none of the convention details. "Behold, all things are ready, come ye to the feast": And a feast it will be of good things needed by every Luther Leaguer.

Some days ago I was asked by one who had never been to a great convention, "What is the good of it all?" I replied, "I am sure you would never ask that question had you attended a convention. Yet I do not altogether wonder at your question, for a convention costs time and money. It will take some cash out of your pocket instead of putting more in. It will take some midsummer days that you might spend dawdling on the sea sands or at a movie. In other words, the joys and advantages of a convention are partly intangible and spiritual rather than those that can be measured in dollars and cents. Yet, if intangible, they are more real than anything that can go into your pocket or your bank account." First, the good of a great convention is a *new sense of Christian Fellowship.* You can't get it in any other way. You read about it, but the words are cold matters of paper and ink. Some one tells you about it, but he cannot reproduce the thrill of the crowd.

Then, there is the *inspiration* of the convention. There will be the leaders with their wisdom and the "Great Leader" will be there too; from Him we will gain inspiration and an unspeakable blessing, not only during the hours we spend together, but a blessing to take home with us, to divide with all the leaguers we leave behind.

There will be *religion, not religiosity,* there. I venture to say that, while religion will be exalted at every session, there will be no religiosity; piety but no pietism. Good cheer and good spirits will abound. We shall laugh and sing, but reverence as well as joy, earnestness as well as vigor and vivacity will mark every service.

We shall be *convention stewards* of every good thing that is said and done, stewards of every new plan and wise method. If we are worth-while delegates, we shall not hear for ourselves alone, but for every member of the league at home. We shall be unfaithful leaguers unless we take the convention home with us.

There will be the *Missionary Objective Presented.* The building of the Administration Building of Andhra College in India. A thought which should thrill us all. Our three fold objective—*Education, Missions, Life-Service,* made possible in a building.

There will be the *Life Service Issue.* Every leaguer knows that the subject of life-service will come up at the convention. And leaguers are not afraid to meet it. They know what it means.

It means the offer of a full time career to a definite religious vocation. It does not mean a pledge of better work in the local church or more prayer, or more regular Bible reading, it means Life Service.

It calls for careful, deliberate, clear seeing study of what is involved; it can't be settled by any hit-the-trail methods, or by going with the crowd.

The Church knows that God's work in the world will be done, in the main, by men and women who counted the cost, and were willing to pay the price, both in special preparation and in service which will not be rewarded by such prizes as success may produce in business or politics or the professions. The young people are ready for the frankest sort of dealing; those in whom a great Christian purpose is born and is welcome will not be scared away from following it by any consideration of personal ease or gain.

They who conduct the life decision service need to match the courage of those who made decisions. Nothing is really gained by dodging the facts, and nothing is lost by emulating the frankness of Jesus when he said, "the servant is not above his lord."

There will be the *Junior, Intermediate* and *Senior Educational Programs,* demonstrated. General Robert E. Lee said, "No system of education is complete that does not take the child from babyhood to manhood." Our

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MILWAUKEE THE CONVENTION CITY

In less than a hundred years, a primitive Indian village has developed into a commercial and social center of real magnitude; Milwaukee has surpassed many cities in its advance to a position of genuine eminence in America. And the great mental power and industrious nature of its citizens, which have fostered the city's industries to their present stupendous extent, have created a city of true home spirit—a social center of character and worth.

Milwaukee's industrial progress has been remarkable. The city's leading industry is the manufacture of heavy machinery, in which it leads the world. The production of other metal products mounts to such figures that it compares more than favorably with our largest iron and steel centers.

Yet it is the diversity of its industries which has influenced to such a great degree Milwaukee's present firm position among important American cities. From leather goods including boots, shoes, trunks; clothing, hosiery, knit goods, millinery; packed meats, varied food products, beverages and candy; chemical products and toilet articles among which drugs and dyes stand out prominently; building materials and specialties, wood and paper products, boxes and containers—from all this to high types of motor cars and other motor vehicles and accessories, Milwaukee presents a variety of manufacture both extraordinary and notable.

The jobbing and wholesaling interests of Milwaukee have averaged a total annually of two hundred million dollars. The retail market has been just as progressive and enterprising. Approximately 4000 manufacturing plants in the city, representing more than 100 distinct lines of industry have yielded annual factory productions exceeding the billion-dollar mark in value, and the volume of business in this connection alone goes over the half-billion mark.

Clean, wholesome, well-kept—that is the whole story of Milwaukee from a civic and social point of view. Its location on Lake Michigan and impressive Milwaukee Bay is ideal. The extensive system of beautiful, refreshing parks is connected by broad boulevards, and offers such splendid places for diversion both in summer and in winter that Milwaukeeans are justly fond and proud of these beauty spots. Visitors are enthusiastic over Lake Park and the view of the Bay to be gained from that lakeshore point. The Zoo at Washington Park with its complete menagerie, is accounted among the finest municipal institutions of its kind in the world. Exceptional skill and science is exemplified in the sunken garden at Mitchel Park.

The eagerness with which Milwaukee is furthering its extent of buildings both in number and impressiveness is shown in the amount of municipal and private appropriations. The Wisconsin Theatre Building, a structure just erected in great present-day proportions, contains the Wisconsin Theatre, one of the most modern, magnificent palaces of entertainment in the Middle West. Atop the six-story building is one of the most refined and luxurious roof gardens it is possible to find among our great American cities. Several blocks further on in the business section, "The Antlers," a hotel of immense size, has just been built. In the tall building, also, is the Arcadia Ball Room, which vies with the Wisconsin Roof Garden in splendor.

The new Elk's Club building at Juneau Place between Marshall and Wisconsin Streets is a splendid structure with 110 guest rooms, and is just now nearing completion. It will be equipped with the largest swimming tank to be found indoors among the many clubs of the Middle West. The inviting cafeteria and the beautiful mezzanine floor are both for women only. The building has eight stories, while two more are built underground.

A substantial addition to the Medford Hotel, the new American National Bank Building, and other buildings still in progress of construction, which constitutes a list too long for this space, show to what degree Milwaukee has been bending its efforts to expand and improve itself.

Milwaukee has some of the most noteworthy schools in the United States. It is the home of Marquette University, attested one of the foremost educational institutions in the country. The football and basketball teams of Marquette University have competed successfully with many of our greatest Eastern Colleges and are directly responsible for the generous athletic reputation Milwaukee enjoys. The dental college of the University is one of the highest rated dental schools in America. Milwaukee Downer College for Girls, the State Normal School, Concordia College, thoroughly modern high schools, and many other schools contribute to the high cultural value of the city. In the Public Library and Museum Building is a collection of the works of nature and art, and a list of volumes which would be difficult to duplicate anywhere. The spiritual attitude of Milwaukeeans is represented by the great number of its churches, many of which are of such architectural beauty that they have commanded even foreign attention.

The harbor project of Milwaukee, now in the course of development, will result in the most efficient and extensive harbor on the Great Lakes, capable of accommodating ocean-going vessels of the greatest size. Milwaukee Harbor is being developed under the direction of the Harbor Commission with a $4,000,000 Government appropriation. The value of such a harbor to economic, civic, and social interests cannot be too highly estimated.

Within a short time the task of creating a tremendous civic center in the very heart of Milwaukee will be begun. This will entail the moving of municipal buildings to this section, and the erection of many more. The thoroughfares in the civic center will be exceptionally wide. In fact, nothing thoroughly timely and up-to-date will be wanting in this district of model buildings, perfectly-paved streets, and entirely ideal formation.

Seven thousand lakes and many miles of concrete highways have made Wisconsin "The Playground of the Middle West"—and deserving of this descriptive phrase. Milwaukee, the metropolis of the State, offers the tourists this region of natural beauty and extends a hearty welcome to all. Campsites are available at different points on the outskirts of the city. Grant Park, six miles south of the city; Estabrook Park, one mile north of the city on the upper river; Milwaukee Air Port, about six miles west of the city on the Blue Mound Road and Lovers' Lane; and the City Camp Site in beautiful Lake Park, on the shores of Lake Michigan. These sites are equipped with cooking facilities, electric lights and water supply, and other conveniences fitting for the reception of guests who have come to visit Milwaukee.

You will find Milwaukee generous and engaging on your visit. You will agree with all on the amiability of its citizens and its sincere endeavor to accommodate and make comfortable all who come within its compass.

SOME PRE-CONVENTION THOUGHTS

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good. Perchance there is yet hope. I will take it now to the power-house, and have it recharged.'

"Then took he it to the power-house, and had it recharged. And, when he returned it to its place, behold, it gave much light, far exceeding that which it had given before.

"Now the interpretation of the parable of the run-down Battery is this:

"If there be any like unto it in your League, give them not to the junk-heap, but do them up carefully, and ship them to the Milwaukee Convention."

GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER

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leaders will demonstrate our educational program for the entire life.

There will be *Social Life* too, reception, banquet, auto rides, boat rides, etc. For young people are social beings and the Luther League provides worth-while social programs for them.

What is the good of going? Are Conventions worth while? Come and see. Or ask anyone who has ever been to one, and he will tell you of their joys, brotherhood, inspiration, new loyalty, fresh plans, larger vision, intenser zeal, new consecration to Jesus Christ, new vision of God.

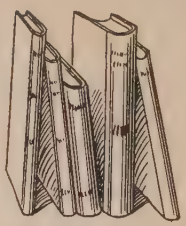
These blessings, immeasurable and unspeakable, constitute the "Good" of a great convention.

Will you meet me in Milwaukee?

League-ally yours,

HARRY HODGES

Educational Department



DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

"A moment in the morning, take your Bible in hand,
And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful promised land;
It will linger still before you when you seek the busy mart,
And like flowers of hope will blossom into beauty in your heart;
The precious words, like jewels, will glisten all the day
With a rare effulgent glory that will brighten all the way."

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The Prayer Before the Reading.

"Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

The Prayer After the Reading.

"Almighty and everlasting God, Who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh and overcome the world; and serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continued thanks for Thy goodness through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen."

JULY

Wednesday, July 1.—Miracles of Elisha, —II Kings 4:8-44.

Thursday, July 2.—Healing of Naaman. —II Kings 5:1-27.

Friday, July 3.—Elisha and the Syrians. —II Kings 6:1-33.

Saturday, July 4.—Jehovah's Terror upon the Syrians.—II Kings 7:1-20.

Sunday, July 5.—Elisha Predicts the Famine.—II Kings 8:1-29.

Monday, July 6.—Jehu Becomes King over Israel.—II Kings 9:1-13.

Tuesday, July 7.—Death of Jezebel.—II Kings 9:14-37.

Wednesday, July 8.—Judgment on the House of Ahab.—II Kings 10:1-18.

Thursday, July 9.—Jehu and Baal.—II Kings 10:19-36.

Friday, July 10.—Joash King over Judah. —II Kings 11:1-20.

Saturday, July 11.—The Reign of Joash. —II Kings 12:1-21.

Sunday, July 12.—Reign of Jehoahaz over Israel.—II Kings 13:1-25.

Monday, July 13.—Reign of Amaziah over Judah.—II Kings 14:1-29.

Tuesday, July 14.—Kings of Israel and Judah.—II Kings 15:1-38.

Wednesday, July 15.—Reign of Ahaz over Judah.—II Kings 16:1-20.

Thursday, July 16.—Captivity of Israel.— II Kings 17:1-23.

Friday, July 17.—Assyria Repeoples Israel.—II Kings 17:24-41.

Saturday, July 18.—Hezekiah over Judah. —II Kings 18:1-16.

Sunday, July 19.—Sennacherib at Jerusalem.—II Kings 18:17-37.

Monday, July 20.—Isaiah the Prophet.— II Kings 19:1-13.

Tuesday, July 21.—Hezekiah's Prayer and Its Answer.—II Kings 19:14-37.

Wednesday, July 22.—Hezekiah's Illness and Recovery.—II Kings 20:1-21.

Thursday, July 23.—Prophecy of Isaiah. —Isa. 1:1-31.

Friday, July 24.—The Prophet's New Message.—Isa. 40:1-31.

Saturday, July 25.—The Prophet's New Message, Cont'd.—Isa. 41:1-29.

Sunday, July 26.—Christ, the Servant of Jehovah—Prophecy.—Isa. 42:1-25.

Monday, July 27.—Chosen Nation Redeemed.—Isa. 43:1-28.

Tuesday, July 28.—Israel to be Redeemed. —Isa. 51:1-23.

Wednesday, July 29.—Jerusalem in the Kingdom-age.—Isa. 52:1-15.

Thursday, July 30.—Jehovah's Servant—Christ.—Isa. 53:1-12.

Friday, July 31.—Israel the Restored Wife of Jehovah.—Isa. 54:1-17.

SENIOR READING COURSE

China's Real Revolution—Hutchinson	$ .75
Adventures in Brotherhood—Giles	.75
Our Church—(U. L. C.)	1.00
The Lie of the Age—Scheeler	.75
Guide Posts to Life Work—Fleming	.50
The Christian and His Money Problem—Wilson	1.50
Adventures in Friendship—Grayson	.75

TOPICS

(Additional topic material can be obtained in the *Topics Quarterly* and in *The Lutheran*)

August 2, 1925

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

GOD'S FRIENDLINESS AS EXPRESSED IN NATURE

Matt. 6:26-30; Ps. 145:16

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—God the Creator. Gen. 1:1-31.
Tuesday—God's care. Psalm 104:10-24.
Wednesday—God revealed in Nature. Romans 1:20-23.
Thursday—God seen in Nature. Acts 14:15-17.
Friday—God's Goodness in Nature—Acts 14:11-18.
Saturday—God's Love. Matt. 7:11.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

Ask all members to respond to roll call with Bible verse about nature. Be sure to have this meeting out in the open. If it is not possible to have it in the afternoon in some grove of trees or along some stream have it at dusk on the steps of the church.

Have several stories from the Bible about God's use of nature in assisting His people. The Old Testament has a number of these stories.

Bring in as a part of the program several object studies. Explain the minute care of God over nature. Also show the beauty and splendor of all that He has made.

Hymns to the glory of God will be appropriate. If the meeting is away from the Church you will have to select familiar ones.

TOPIC

Nature is kind to all. The rain and sunshine come on the good and the bad. God daily expresses His goodness and love through nature. Those who study the different phases of creation on every side are early drawn to the Maker of the Universe because of his care and thoughtfulness in supplying the needs of the world. Man's dependence upon the laws of nature grows more prevalent as he learns the power of God's hand in sustaining them.

The seasons follow in regularity. The rain satisfies the thirsty earth. The warmth of the sunshine renews and strengthens life. All the activities in the universe reveal the friendliness of the God of Heaven who rules in Heaven and Earth. Many people constantly worry over the weather conditions. They fear for their crops. They lose faith in nature about them. They forget that the guiding hand of the Father of all things is at work.

God cares for the beasts of the field. He provides for the fowls of the air. His kindnesses are extended to all the smaller creations of the earth. Man, the crown of God's glory, is His special care. The entire creation has been planned and fashioned that man might enjoy it. God has given man eyes to see all the glories which He has unfolded in the world of color and light. Man has been given ears to enjoy all the music of nature. His taste has been ordered so that the delicate things of the world may be added in furnishing happiness to God's crown of creation. The perfumes of the flowers and woods give man an idea of God's pleasure in providing enjoyment for the entire body. All nature points to the fact that all has been made and planned for the good and happiness of mankind.

One may look over a desolate land and call it a desert. But in such a forsaken spot God has placed an oasis. One may look at the great expanse of the ocean and think of its vastness and all the toll of human life which it takes and yet it is filled with treasures for man to grasp and hold.

The beauty and grandeur of the "out of doors" call many to seek peace and repose in the woodlands and fields. Some believe that they can come nearer God there than anywhere else. They think they can worship God in the forest and in the meadow. Man is certainly shown God's goodness and love as he becomes closely associated with nature. God's minute care for all things created is only a manifestation of that which is fuller realized in the life of the human race. Nature ought to lead the individual to the fuller revelation of God the Father as it is given and unfolded in His most Holy Word.

One who studies nature will naturally be drawn to the Creator. God's manifested friendliness is expressed in His activities about us, but the fullness of His love is known only by those who have learned from His revealed Word the message of salvation. Let God's creatures and creations lead you to His highest blessings.

August 9, 1925

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

THE BENEFITS OF WHOLESOME PLAY

Mark 6:31, 32; Luke 2:52

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Play Benefits Health. I Tim. 4:8-9.
Tuesday—Play Benefits Self-Control. I Cor. 9:19-27.
Wednesday—Play Benefits Team Work. I Cor. 3:1-9.
Thursday—Play is an Expression of a Happy Life. Zech. 8:1-8.
Friday—Play is an Expression of Fellowship. Luke 7:31-35.
Saturday—Play Promotes Friendship. John 2:1-11.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

There are many ideas as to what kinds of pleasures are permissible for the youth today. A live debate can be had as a part of this discussion.

The following subjects will be interesting for discussion: "Do the young people choose the best pleasures?" "The young people are happier than they were fifty years ago," and "Modern play houses are not wholesome."

Give each member a slip of paper and ask them to list five things they enjoy most. Have the ushers collect and see which forms of amusement get the largest sanction.

During the summer months it is often difficult to get some of the members to take part. Therefore have a miscellaneous reading program. Give this out just before the meeting.

TOPIC

Play is a necessary part of every life. We are born with the spirit of play. We seldom go a block down the street without seeing a group of children interested in some game. Youth loves to play. He feels it as an instinct. When a child does not care to join the games he at once is said to be sick. All creatures have the play instinct. We do not have to watch a group of animals long before we will see them frolicking in pleasure.

The play spirit is here for a purpose. We read that the child at play is developing his inherited qualities which will be used later. We find that older ones seek recreation during the off hours. All are happier if the proper play is observed.

This spirit of recreation is so real and fundamental in our lives that every community has commercialized in some form or other this desire for pleasure. We see these places of amusement everywhere. It has gotten to the point that many seek their recreation entirely from these commercial playhouses. We have come to this because the home has neglected to develop such things that will attract the children to stay there for their pleasures.

The young people flock to these play palaces, many innocently, and receive much that is not wholesome. The curse of the day is the low moral attractions that are placed out to catch the youth. Many of the modern entertainments appeal to the low moral desires of the young and not to the side that ought to be cultivated.

Wholesome play is necessary. The churches in some centers have taken over this phase of work in order to counteract the work of the unwholesome places of amusement and give the youth of the church some entertainment that is unquestionable.

Many of the parents are at fault today. They have forgotten how to play. They are so busy piling up money that they forget that their boys and girls like to play. The boy sees a great deal of difference between hoeing in the garden and playing ball. The girl can not find anything in common in a game of ring and assisting mother clean the house. The same amount of exercise may be gained from either and yet they are quite different in the mind of the youth.

Fathers and mothers need to learn how to play. Then they will be able to solve the question of how to handle their boys and girls in the 'teen age. The development of wholesome play is worth while. It is necessary for the complete unfolding of youth as well as re-creating the powers of the adult. But when either group gets under the influence of that which is not wholesome their physical as well as mental development is dwarfed and hindered.

Let the Luther League begin to realize the necessity of decent play and begin to uphold all such that is worth while.

August 16, 1925

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

RULES FOR THE GAME OF LIFE

II Tim. 2:5, 15; I Cor. 9:24-27; I Pet. 2:11-17

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—The Book of Rules. II Tim. 2:15; 3:1 17.
Tuesday—The First Essential. Acts 16:30-31.
Wednesday—Returning Good For Evil. Romans 12:-17-21.
Thursday—Be Glad and Think Right. Phil. 4:4-7.
Friday—Three Fundamental Rules. Hebrews 10:19-25.
Saturday—All for God. I Cor. 10:31 33.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

Appropriate hymns are the following: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and "He Leadeth Me."

Don't have a regular leader for this program. Place the program on a blackboard and let each individual follow the outline for the day that is before him without being announced.

Discuss the following: "Obedience to the Unwritten Laws of Home, Community and Church," "Fairness in Play," and "I Can Do as I Please with My Life."

Appropriate stories for this theme can be easily gotten. Most of the stories in the *Lutheran* would be all right for this program.

There will be some who are getting ready to go off to school for the first time. Ask

some one who has attended college to tell about "The Rules for the Life at College."

TOPIC

A game is poor sport without certain rules. There would be very little pleasure in taking part in any sort of contest without laws whereby all the players would know the goal and the points striven for. When one playing breaks a rule it certainly hinders the progress of the game and often costs the forfeit of same for those who are playing with him.

Life is not very different from a race. Life without a goal is useless. It is hardly worth while living without an ideal. Life that has not been planned with the cooperation of others is more often a failure. And one who will not observe the wholesome rules will not be a success. It is not possible to break the rules of the game of life and get away with it. One is less thought of for breaking the laws of life. Some of the rules of life that are worth while are the following:

Temperance.

Temperance to some people merely means abstinence from liquors. That is a part of it but not all, by any means. Moderation in all things was the motto of the Apostle Paul. It ought to be the same with all. The man who overeats can not expect to use his body to the best advantage for his own good or for the service of mankind. The woman who abuses the laws of health can not expect to be one that will get the most out of life. Breaking the rules of health and life is the way some think they are getting more out of living, but they are only fooling themselves. The only way to reach the goal is to keep the rules of life in the foreground and live them.

Fairness.

It is the goal and not the immediate mile post that counts most. The man who plays the unfair game of life may be ahead now but he loses in the end. Life is more than merely getting there. Honesty and truthfulness are too precious to sell. Kindness is worth more than a hundred ill-gotten spectacular appointments. A man is often criticised for being fair and square with his friends, neighbors and enemies. But the friendship of them all is worth more than what he could purchase with unfair dealings. Money and position have some weight in this world, but honesty and truthfulness are much more desirable since God is the Judge and not man.

Obedience.

The world today seems to be desirous to break down all discipline. There seems to be a joy to feel the freedom of being without restraint. The laws of the land are abused. Parental authority means very little at times. The principles of the church have very little weight when there is some desire to be satisfied.

All this is breaking the rules of the game. Success is not written but for those who know obedience. Life eternal is not reached as a goal without the proper obedience.

Combining temperance, fairness and obedience one is well prepared to enter to its fullness the game of life.

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August 23, 1925

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

PERILS OF ANGER, ENVY AND HATRED

Matt. 5:21, 22; I John 3:11-15

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Envy Leads to Doubt. Psalm 73.
Tuesday—Envy Leads to Murder. Gen. 4:4-8.
Wednesday—Anger Causes Sin. Jas. 1:19-20.
Thursday—Do Not Be Angry. Eph. 4:26, 29-32.
Friday—Hating is Disobeying Christ. Matt. 5:43-48.
Saturday—Hatred is Contrary to the Light and Love of God. I John 2:7-11; I John 3:15; I John 4:20-21.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

The commandments reversed would make an appropriate outline for this meeting. You would not need to use all ten of them if you did not care to do so. The reciting of the commandment and meaning followed by a discussion would be interesting. List out some of the results of these sins.

Have as a part of the program an account of the times when Christ was brought to righteous anger. Discuss modern forms of envy and hatred.

Choose hymns from the section of the Christian Life in the Common Service Book.

Have several selections from the newspapers of the day and call attention of the League to the cause of the crimes. Practically all the crimes of the day have begun with one or the other of these three sins listed for our discussion.

TOPIC

Christianity speaks very positively concerning the rooting out of life of all that is contrary to the best development and that which is not conducive to the upbuilding of the Christian character. The commandments of God that were given thousands of years ago declared against the vices of envy, anger and hatred. Christ put the same emphasis on the law of God. The Apostles stressed the perils of these evils in life and gave long lists of these things that are contrary to the spiritual development.

The example of Christ is the one outstanding contrast to the life that was prevalent at the time when he lived in this world. He taught that it was wrong to harbor any evils. Sin in the world was responsible for them all and the Christian was to cast them out of his life. The

wrongs of the world would be taken care of by God Himself.

Anger.

Anger not only corrupts the character of man but also injures him physically. This emotion in its extreme upsets the entire physical being. The controlling of the temper is one of the first lessons of a sincere Christian. A part which the home plays in the development into manhood and womanhood is teaching the child to curb his temper. It is said that one without a temper is not worth much to the world. However that spirit must be curbed before life can be bearable for the individual and others about him.

Envy.

The Christian ought to be satisfied with his lot at all times. This satisfaction should be the outcome of complete confidence in God. There are many in this world who are always dissatisfied and are desiring something which belongs to another. God does not forbid one to work and gain something similar to that of a friend or neighbor.

Hatred.

It was taught by the Jews and all religions until Christianity came that it was permissible to hate your enemies. Christ brought a different message. He turned it around. "Love your enemies, bless those that persecute you and do good to them that hate you." The world can not see this angle of life. Only those who live close to the Saviour have vision and strength to carry out this great mission of the Lord.

To harbor any or all these sins is to fight against the teachings of Christ. "Vengeance is mine, sayeth the Lord." If He will care for and lead humanity aright then He ought to be followed. Don't let the sun go down with evil in your heart. When you have seen in the Saviour enough to follow Him, leaving anger, envy and hatred out of your lives, you have made great progress in following His example.

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August 30, 1925

MISSIONARY GUEST DAY

By Dr. Geo. Drach.
Acts I; 7-9

Monday—Acts 1:15-26.
Tuesday—Acts 6.
Wednesday—Acts 13:1-3.
Thursday—Acts 16:1-5.
Friday—Titus 1:1-9.
Saturday—Rev. 3:7-8.

Today we are to entertain our missionaries in China. Permit me to introduce to you, first of all, the veteran missionary Rev. C. J. Voskamp, D.D., who has been a missionary in China for over forty years, most of which he has spent at Tsingtao in the Shantung province. He has learned Chinese so well and knows the Chinese so well, that he is a recognized authority on things Chinese. By his side stands his wife, who has been his true helpmate in all his work these many years.

Now let me introduce Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Scholz, who are our faithful missionaries at Kiaochow, where they have worked for twenty years; also Rev. and Mrs. William Matzat, younger missionaries, in charge of the work at Tsimo. Mrs. Matzat is a trained nurse and in the absence of a doctor at the mission hospital in Tsimo, she has been conducting a dispensary, where she has been able to relieve much physical suffering.

You will be glad to meet our two women missionaries, I know. Miss Kate Voget is in charge of the flourishing Girl's Boarding School at Tsingtao, and Miss Freda Strecker supervises the training work of Bible woman in Kiaochow.

The guests, whom we have introduced to you, are missionaries who served the Berlin Missionary Society of Germany, and who decided to remain in the Shantung field when it was transferred on January 1, 1925, to the United Lutheran Church in America.

We have also other guests today, whom you want to know. They are members of our United Lutheran Church and are going out as our first American Lutheran missionaries to China.

Rev. Prof. J. F. Krueger, D.D., has been president of Midland College and a teacher of theology in our Western Theological Seminary at Freemont, Nebraska. With his wife and children he is going to China this year to arrange the transition of the work and workers in our Shantung field from their former allegiance under the Berlin Society to their new relationship under the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church. Dr. Krueger is a son of a missionary, who lived, labored and died in India.

Rev. and Mrs. P. P. Anspach, with their children, will accompany the Kruegers. Perhaps you already have learned to know Mr. Anspach as one of the efficient workers in the Wittenberg College campaign.

Dr. P. E. Loudenslager is the physician who is going to China. He will, of course, be located at Tsimo, where the hospital building, empty since the outbreak of the war in 1914, is awaiting his coming. Mrs. Loudenslager will be a great help to him, because she is a trained nurse.

Now that we all know our missionaries in China, both those already there and those going there this fall, our interest in them and in their work will be keen and constant. Let us cultivate our acquaintance with them.

Intermediate Department

"AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND IN STATURE, AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN"

INTERMEDIATE LUTHER LEAGUE READING COURSE

Torch-Bearers in China—Matthews	$ .75
Land of All Nations—Seebach	.75
What Shall I Do With My Life?—Donnelly	1.50
Little Journeys in His Kingdom—Wendall	.50
The Master—Johnston	1.25
The Eagle of the Wilderness—Seebach	1.00

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THE INTERMEDIATE WORK AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

A great big convention is due at Milwaukee on July 7-9. The Luther League of America will have one of its greatest opportunities in its history. The convention from beginning to end ought provide an abundance of information and an everflowing fount of inspiration.

In all of this gripping program nothing ought surpass what the convention should receive from the discussion and consideration of the work of the Intermediate Department. Candidly because this work is partly new, tremendously important, and now more than ever arresting the attention of those who seemingly sense the sign of the times it simply must find a large place in the convention.

Outside the Church even perhaps more than in it the boy and girl of intermediate age is occupying the place of a leading objective. This Convention will determine in large part whether or not the United Lutheran Church through its young peoples' organization will become a real factor in providing supplementary training for this intermediate and participate worthily and influentially in the affairs and activities of this particular age.

We have reasons to believe that the Luther League has a pronounced sympathetic endorsement of many leaders in its proposed forward steps in the work for and with the intermediate boy and girl.

The Intermediate Period in the Convention will be Wednesday afternoon, July 8, beginning at 3:30 P. M. Its program though centering about the intermediate work is intended for the entire convention and the entire convention should hear it.

The central theme of the convention, "Christ First" will carry over into this period in the subject, "Christ First in the Intermediate Department." This will be presented by the Rev. Ralph D. Heim who is director of religious education in the aggressive Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago. The Rev. Mr. Heim as well has weekly opportunities for first hand contact and demonstration of work among those of intermediate age.

The theme, "The Intermediate Boy" will be given by the Rev. C. P. Swank, S.T.D., pastor of Muhlenberg Memorial Lutheran Church of Philadelphia. Dr. Swank for a considerable period has acted as chairman of boys' work in the East Pennsylvania Synod, conducted in that capacity conferences for boys and is the author of valuable pamphlets in this direction. He is a member of the National Intermediate Luther League Committee. "The Intermediate Girl" will be the theme that Sister Pearle Lyerly of the Church of the Advent, New York City, will develop for this period. Sister Pearle is chairman of the Intermediate Work Committee of the New York State League, and a most successful superintendent of an Intermediate League in her own church which gives direct material for an intelligent speech. She, too, is a member of the National Committee.

The period will close with the presentation of "Intermediate Methods," by the Rev. Charles M. Teufel, pastor of Trinity Church, Newport News, Va., who has been chairman of the National Intermediate Luther League Committee since the adoption of the work at Fort Wayne in 1920. Contact with district and state conventions from the intermediate angle as well as local organizations in that time has yielded material for this theme.

To introduce this Intermediate session, at noon on Thursday in the parlors of Redeemer Church the delegates will meet for an Intermediate luncheon. This is arranged so that the entire convention may attend, and inspiration and enthusiasm for the work will be created by two and three minute

speeches from Intermediate leaders present. The Intermediate chairman, the Rev. C. M. Teufel, will preside.

One more point. What about sending one of your Intermediates as a delegate to the convention? Especially from the Mid-west section this should be possible. The Intermediates are at a most impressionable age and the benefit derived from the convention should be a lasting power in League work. Send as delegates one of the Intermediate members.

Altogether it is evident that the program for presenting the Intermediate work should supply its part to general convention success.

NOTICE!

The Intermediate Topics as given below have been printed in pamphlet form, so that they may be used in outdoor meetings and in summer camps. Each member of the League should have a copy, if you want successful meetings and effective results. Order from Luther League Headquarters, 707 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

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August 2, 1925

THE BENEFITS OF KNOWING THE BIBLE

Miss May Scherer

Scripture: Psalm 19:7-11, 2 Tim. 3:16.

Are there hard questions in your mind to which you know no answer? You can find in the Bible answers to the most important questions anyone can ask. When our forefathers dressed in the skins of animals and offered sacrifices to strange gods, missionaries came to them to tell them about the true God. At first they would not listen, until their old king said: "The life of man on earth is like that of the bird which flits into the hall and out again and none of us knows whence it comes or whither it goes. These Christians have a book which tells us where the life of man comes from and where it goes. Let us hear them."

Have you ever been at the beach and watched a lobster lying in the mud, until the tide comes and washes him out? The big lobster just lies in the mud and waits for a force that will move him where it will. Have you ever watched the wind blow a piece of thistledown wherever it will? Do you know that unless you have something to hold you fast your life may be like that of the lobster or thistledown., without purpose, drifting with the tide or blown by the wind? "The reason so many young people do not get anywhere is because they do not set out anywhere." The Bible is the one book which can give us purpose. It will help us to answer the question, "What is my object in life?" It will keep us from drifting like the lobster or being blown like the thistledown is blown by the wind. Let us hear the story of Tilak and the change which was made in his life.

Tilak.

Have you ever read a book that was so interesting that it was difficult for you to lay it aside before you had finished reading it? There is a story of Tilak, a native of India, who has earned for himself a reputation by his writing. He is a great reader. One day he had handed to him a book that is really the "best seller" of all books. He began to read it and became so much interested in it that he could not tear himself away from it. He read on and on and other books that he had read seemed to grow less interesting as he thought of them in comparison with this book that was handed to him almost by chance. He read strange things—things different from anything that he had ever read before. "Blessed are the pure in heart." "Ye are the light of the world." "Your heavenly Father feedeth them." "Love your enemies." "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them." This book that Tilak read was the same book that all of us have in our homes and that many of us do not care to read except occasionally, even though it is so popular and so deeply interesting to thoughtful people of every nation that it has been translated into 600 languages. Tilak became a different man after reading the Bible. His heart was filled with love for all of his friends and for people who had not been his friends. A book that can change the entire life of a man must be a book that is good to read. Tilak wrote many poems and hymns after he read the Bible. All over India and even in other countries people sing his hymns and are made stronger and happier by them.

Leader—We find then that knowing the Bible brings happiness. So we have learned one benefit of knowing the Bible. Let us learn others.

The Bible, God's Letter of Love.

A letter is a message that one friend sends to another. We should be very eager to read a letter from a friend telling of a country to which we proposed to go at some time. We should want to study a description of the country; we should want to know the way to the country and we should want to know about the people who were in the country. We should probably pore over such a book for hours and hours. If there were any sections that we could not understand we should not stop reading until we had found some one who could explain them to us. We should not stop reading until we were sure that we understood the message of the letter. We should want to talk

about it to others who understood it better than we did. We know there would be a very great benefit to us in being familiar with such a letter if we expected to go to the country about which the letter was written. So we know one of the benefits of being familiar with the Bible. It is God's Letter of love to us, telling us of the mansions that His Son has gone to prepare for us and telling us also of how we may follow Him so that we may be with Him where He is. Certainly we shall be eager to know the Bible if we are interested in those things that will tell us of the life to come.

Leader—So we have learned another reason for knowing the Bible. It is God's message of love to us and tells us of the life that is to come. There is still another reason. Let us hear of the millionaire.

The Millionaire and the Pauper.

Did you ever know a man who was a millionaire and thought he was a pauper? Mark Twain has written about the Prince whom people thought was a pauper, and who was trying all the time to get back to his Father, the King, and the palace that was his home. But there is a sadder story of the millionaire child who slept on the cellar floor with the paupers and did not know that his father was a great millionaire who had a home filled with comforts and luxuries and beautiful things. Perhaps we may be in the millionaire class and not know it. There are many promises of good things that belong to that about which we are probably ignorant. Certainly this is the case if we are ignorant of the Bible. Let us see what the Bible itself has to say about our wealth. Galatians 4:7. If we are heirs of God with Jesus Christ, we have untold wealth. Unless we are familiar with the Bible we will not know that all things are ours. We will not know that the opportunity to wear a crown will be given—to every Bible reader who follows its directions—a crown whose wearing will bring more joy than will the wearing of any crown belonging to any earthly throne. Let us hear what the Bible says about such a crown. James 1:12.

Leader—We have learned a third reason for knowing the Bible. It tells us of our wealth and of our future possessions.

Music, Art, Literature Founded on the Bible.

Are you interested in music or laws or books? In all of these great subjects the influence of the Bible has been so powerful that no one can understand any of them without a knowledge of the Bible. Modern music had its start in the service of the Church. The subjects of the greatest music of the great masters are taken from the Bible. The laws of all Christian countries are based on the Ten Commandments. King Alfred put the Ten Commandments at the head of his collection of laws for the Anglo-Saxon people. The Roman laws also were based on principles derived from the Bible and put into the Code of Justinian on which the laws of today are based.

All great literature written in English is powerfully influenced by the Bible. In one poem of Robert Browning, the great English poet, there are five hundred references to the Bible, so that one who did not understand the Bible could not understand the poem. Tennyson has four hundred direct references to the Bible in his poems and many more indirect ones.

If we should go into one of the great art galleries there would be many pictures that we could not appreciate if we did not know the Bible. Many of our great pictures have been painted from Bible subjects.

Leader—And so, we find another reason for knowing the Bible. We can not understand much of the good music, many of the best books and many of the greatest pictures if we do not know the Bible from which the subjects are taken. All over the world today the Bible is being read by people who find it their only hope, their only light. Until recently two-thirds of the women of the world could not read. Now that they are beginning to learn to read, the Bible is the one book that is given to many of them. An old woman in the Mountains of the South who was trying at 60 years of age to learn to read was asked "Why do you want to learn to read?" "So that I can read the Good Book for myself," she answered.

Let us have a summary of reasons for knowing the Bible.

Summary.

The Bible is the Good Book, the best book, the book of hidden treasures, the book which bears God's living message of love to us, which answers the most important questions of life and which prepares us for the world which is to come. To read and follow its teachings will make any of us wise and wealthy and strong and happy. Over the earth it is being carried today: in sail boats and in wheel barrows; in automobiles and air ships; on trains and in great steamships. Its influence is growing in all nations and its message of peace and love is bringing together the hearts of men all over the world.

Suggestions

These series of leaflets "Favorite Verses," published by our Literature Committee, Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, will help to make an interesting program. Separated verses may be distributed such as "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," half being written on one card and half on the other. A number of such verses may be distributed, numbered 1 and 2. After a number 1 has been read, the appropriate number 2 should be read.

A summary may be made on the blackboard; or cards may be prepared by the leader in advance, giving a summary.

The members may be asked in advance to drop in a box a written reason for knowing the Bible and these may be read and discussed.

A test of Bible knowledge may be given: What promise to the tempted? What to the weary? What about the one who has cares? etc.

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August 9, 1925

THE BENEFITS OF WHOLESOME PLAY

Rev. Henry Manken, Jr.
Mark 6:31; Luke 2:52.

THE TOPIC

By play we mean such activities as do not have a serious aim. Our regular work and duties are often very exacting and entail a physical, or mental or nervous strain, which is not good. If we would keep well physically, mentally, morally and spiritually, we must be moderate in all things—neither too much nor too little. To play properly is a source not only of much genuine amusement, but also of much real good. Wholesome play is really beneficial.

Recreation Means to Create Again. When the body, and the mind and the spirit are tired or worn, then wholesome play will refresh us, will build us up again. Diversion diverts us and keeps us out of the monotony of the worn ruts of our habits and regular occupations.

Amusement is that which excites us to smile and to laughter. Prov. 17:22 reads, "A cheerful heart is a good medicine." No play is really recreation, unless it actually benefits us.

Worthwhile games develop our sense of honor and fairness. The playground teaches us to be unselfish. To rejoice in another's success is a fine trait of character. The apostle Paul says of Love, the greatest thing in the world (I Cor. 13:4-5): "Love envieth not, love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked." The playground furnishes an excellent opportunity to practice each phrase of the wonderful analysis of love. In Romans 12:17, Paul writes, "Take thought for things honorable in the sight of all men." In Romans 13:7 he exhorts, "Render to all their dues: . . . honor to whom honor." The development of such a spirit is a great accomplishment, and wholesome play offers the practice ground.

Two worthwhile benefits of wholesome play are accuracy in judgments and skill in doing things. Play is judging distances for example, or in hitting a ball just hard enough, will develop a sense of judgment in other matters and skilful use of the hand that will prove a real practical help in many a needy situation. Play that develops your physical and mental powers is not wasted time nor effort.

Then too, wholesome play makes for good fellowship. Play offers an opportunity to know each other better. We are then not qutie so formal. We become more intimate the one with the other, and this leads to comradeship. On the playground we often find some of the best companions, who become our truest and most loyal friends.

Work and play should be in proper proportions of time and interest. This is true, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." This is also true, "Fun is fun, but too much is none." One of the most pitiable of boys and girls is the one who has never learned to play, and to play wholesome, worthwhile games.

PROGRAM HINTS

1. Make clear the contrast between exacting work and wholesome recreation.
2. A few testimonies of actual examples of unselfishness, fairness and honor shown on the playground will be helpful.
3. Call attention to the human, genial side of the character of Jesus, as He mingles among friends at suppers, weddings, etc., also His opportunities for recreation in quiet meditation and prayer, Luke 5:29-31, Mark 1:34-35.
4. Let the hymns, if possible, reflect the spirit of Christian fellowship and ethics.
5. Sentence prayers might be used in the form of actual petitions for Divine Grace to put into practice the practical lessons taught in the development of the topic.

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August 16, 1925

WHAT DOES NATURE TELL US OF GOD?

Rev. Henry Manken, Jr.
Psalm 8:1-9; Psalm 104

THE TOPIC

We look about us. We see stars, trees, birds, rocks, flowers, and most wonderful of all, men, women and boys and girls. We see with the physical eye. Do we discern with the mind? Have we spiritual insight? When we ask ourselves whence has "nature" come, we say in the words of the Psalmist, 95:3-6:

"For the Lord is a great God,
And a great King above all Gods,
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
The strength of the hills is His also.
The sea is His, and He made it;
And His hands formed the dry land:
Oh come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

Nature points to an Almighty Creator. Back of all we see about us there must be

an intelligent Cause, a mighty Will. This is the meaning of the first article of the Apostles' Creed: Amos 4:13; 5:8. Jro. 1:1-3:

"Back of the loaf, is the flour,
And back of the flour the mill,
Back of the mill, is the sun and the shower,
And the Heavenly Father's will."

—*Babcock.*

Nature Reflects the Power, Wisdom, and the Glory, of its Creator. Psal. 19, Rom. 1:18-23. Contemplate the majesty of the rising of the sun, or the glory of its setting. When we study by aid of the microscope the formation of a leaf, we discover the wonder of it. The humblest flower is a *reflection* of the beauty, wisdom and wonderful workings of the Divine Will. Luke 12:27, Discuss Isaiah 5:12.

Nature teaches us that God is good. The book of Genesis tells us that when the Lord reviewed the works of His Creative Hand, He saw that they were good. Jesus declared that God maketh the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and unjust. Matt. 5:45. Psal. 33:4-9. "Oh taste and see that the Lord is Good," Psalm 34:8.

"What though in solemn silence all
Move round the dark terrestial ball?
What though nor real voice nor sound
Amid their radiant orbes be found?
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing, as they shine,
'The hand that made us is divine."

PROGRAM HITS

1. Let hymns of Praise predominate.
2. Make the meeting truly worshipful.
3. The prayers should be full of the spirit of praise and thanksgiving.
4. Selected poems and hymns recited will be helpful.
5. Make the topic presentation of such a character as will help the boys and girls to realize the presence, the glory, the wisdom, the power, and the goodness of God. This should lead to adoration, praise and thanksgiving.

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August 23, 1925

MY GREATEST HELP IN TIME OF TEMPTATION

1 Cor. 10:12, 13; Matt. 4:1-11

Hymn—I Need Thee, Precious Jesus, 367 Common Service Book.

Prayer—By Superintendent, for the meeting, for help in hours of temptation.

Leader—Temptation! What does that mean to we Intermediates? We often laugh at the word—it is something far off—something for grown ups and old folks—it has nothing to do with us, we say. But wait, doesn't it? Temptation, the desire to do wrong things, and the power leading up into evil ways, meets us on every hand. Temptation is something subtle, it does not meet us out in the open, but lurks in the dark. Satan is always making things appear harmless, and the more evil they are, the more harmless he makes them appear. We must be on our guard every minute against those things which harm both body and soul.

Even our Lord and Saviour was tempted. The story of His temptation, and how He met it, may help us to meet some of the temptations which we have. Let us have the Scripture lesson of our Saviour's temptation.

Intermediate—Reads Matthew 4:1-11.

Leader—Some of the temptations of Intermediates are just along the same lines. First of all the love of material things. The Evil One bade Jesus make the stones bread, but His reply was, "Man shall not live by bread alone." Over in China some of our missionaries tell us there are what they call "rice Christians," those who profess to believe in our God, for the sake of what our missionaries will give them and do for them. And in our own country we can find people who are only in the church for "the loaves and the fishes"—for what they can get from the Church. You remember after Jesus performed His great miracle of feeding the five thousand there were many who followed Him, but He told them they were only following Him for the loaves and the fishes. And so it is today.

Often Intermediates let the love of material things become first in their lives. We often want fine clothes, and let envy of those who have better than we spoil our pleasures. We are tempted to envy those of our companions who have better homes, or automobiles, or better advantages than ours. We forget that the real things that count—both in this world and in the next—believing in God and in His only begotten Son, going to His house, speaking to Him in prayer, the joy of serving in His Kingdom—are ours and free and without cost to each of us—blessings which we all may possess, if we but stretch out our hands to take them.

When we are tempted to want the things of this world let us think of "the treasures which are not of this world" which we may have.

Leader—The danger of throwing oneself into harm and tempting God was Jesus' next test. Satan commanded Him to throw Himself down from the pinnacle of the temple.

Intermediate—Intermediates are tempted in the same way today. We must have high standards and ideals. We must seek only the best. Let us remember our four-fold aim, to develop in the very best way, physi-

cally, socially, educationally and spiritually. To do this, we must hold high our banners of truth, loyalty, purity, honesty, and lofty purposes. The knights of old looked only to the highest and best. So each of us as Intermediates can look up to the highest and purest and best and set it as our goal. Jesus' answer to the Evil One was "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord." If we wish to keep our standards high we must let nothing come into our lives that will tempt us from high purposes. Cheap movies—not just cheap in price, but cheap in the lessons they teach, other cheap amusements, companions who do not have high ideals, books which do not give us clean and wholesome lessons, all such are leading us into the danger of throwing ourselves from the pinnacle of high purpose and ideals which we should set up.

Leader—The third of Jesus' temptations was the love of power. Satan commanded him to bow down to him and worship him and he would give him the kingdoms of the world.

Intermediate—How we Intermediates like power! How we like to be popular among our companions and friends! How we like to "stand well" with our teachers and those above us! Some girls and some boys are willing to do anything, and give up almost anything, just to be popular and be at the head of things! The best place on the team, the leading part in the class play, yes, the presidency of the Intermediate League, or the chairmanship on its important committees—we all want these things.

But we must not be tempted to cheat another of his chance for these things, or become angry and lose our temper if the better fellow wins out, or if things do not come our way. The important thing is not what honors we receive, or how popular we are, but whether we are playing square and doing the right thing, and living close to God. For, "therefore what profiteth it a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

Quartet—In the Hour of Trial, 391 Common Service Book.

Leader—Now, let us see what are some of our helps in the hour of temptation.

Intermediate—One of them is *prayer.* Can we not each and every one of us spend a little time each day in prayer? Wouldn't we be strengthened for the trials and temptations of the day, if each morning before we left our room, we spent a few moments on our knees, asking for help and guidance through the day? And wouldn't a few words of thanks for the blessings of the day be a good close to the whole day?

Leader—What is another help?

Intermediate—Our *Bible* is one of our biggest helps. Every test Jesus met with the words, "It is written." So our Bible and the promises we find in it, which we can keeps in our hearts and minds always, will help us in the hour when we are tempted to do something that would injure us or be displeasing to Him, whose children we are, and who is grieved when we do anything contrary to His will. Let us spend a part of each day in reading our Bibles, reading a certain portion each day. It will strengthen and help us.

Leader—Who has another help?

Intermediate—The wise counsel of our parents. God gave us parents that we might be guided by them and helped. They have walked the same paths which we are now walking, and were beset by the same difficulties and temptations. Do not think your parents old-fashioned, let every fellow be a pal of his father's, every girl a chum of her mother's, and when temptations come, go to them for advice, do not be afraid to confide in them, do not fear to follow their counsel.

Leader—And another?

Intermediate—Perhaps the greatest of all helps in the hour of temptation is leaning on Him, who gives strength for all trials. If we have Jesus for our Friend, if we love Him, and through Him, the Father, we will be able to meet temptation. When we stood before the altar and took upon ourselves our Confirmation vows we accepted Him as our Friend and Helper, and promised to follow and serve Him all our days. Surely He will be our biggest help in time of temptation.

Leader—What assurance have we that He will help us?

Intermediate—The second Scripture lesson of our Topic gives us the promise that we will not be sent temptations heavier than we are able to stand (reads I Cor. 10:12-13).

Discussion—What has been my greatest temptation? How did I meet it? What temptations do I meet at home? At school? Is there a temptation not to be faithful in the work of the church and of the League? How can I be strengthened against these? (Urge Intermediates to talk of their own problems at this discussion period.)

Sentence Prayers—By Intermediates—for help to overcome their temptations. Closing by prayer from Superintendent for guidance and strength for each Intermediate to resist powers of evil and overcome temptations.

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August 30, 1925.

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FOREIGNERS IN AMERICA?

"LAND OF ALL NATIONS"—Chapter 6—A MESSENGER OF GOOD NEWS

(Peter Halenda)

Acts 10:34-35; Heb. 12:1-2

(Miss Laura Wade Rice

Hymn.

Scripture—Acts 10:34-35; Acts 13:1-2.

Prayer.

Leader—A fascinating recent story tells of a diffident young girl who was visiting a relative and feeling very much out of place among so many older and often celebrated people. She is told a secret by which she wins all of them as friends, and is able to help them. The secret is "Everybody's lonely." In considering "Foreigners in America" would that not better be our first thought rather than how they look, or talk, or live? The laborer we pass may be in his foreign language better educated than we; conditions often force him or her to live far below their level, we cannot know whether he is a clod or a hidden genius—of only one thing we may be certain—in this strange land he is lonely. He longs to be a part of this America—how can we who have been here always help him? A smile, a kind word, a little helpful act in passing will linger long in his memory, will help out of all proportion to its cost to us.

1. Our chapter from "Land of All Nations" opens in the little town of Wislok in the Ukraine. A pious Greek-Catholic, Ivan Halenda, is the father of a fine lot of children, six boys and five girls. How could they make America a safer, more God-fearing country? God brings His messengers from far oftentimes.

2. Chapter 6, pages 98, 99.

3. Immigrants at Work, pages 100 to 104.

4. Three Halenda boys in Pittsburgh, you pass young fellows like these often, roughly dressed, soiled from labor, tempted when work is over by gambling or other low forms of amusement. America is glad to use their muscle—what does she do for their minds and souls? A church mission was started—the foreign pastor meets with many rebuffs. Almost disheartened, he spoke to a group of young men, praying quickly that he might win three or four. The three Halenda boys and their friend Wasyl Ripoka were God's answer. Together they studied the Bible.

5. Read pages 104-108.

6. The news traveled to the homeland. Ripoka's brother came to America to reclaim him to the old faith and was converted. Peter Halenda went home to comfort his mother for his change of faith—she and his sister came to America and became Protestants. Today two Halenda boys are in the ministry serving their people, Ripoka is working for the church and Peter Halenda is a colporteur, having given twenty years to carrying thousands of Bibles to people of all nationalities. Was that mission worth while which won those four boys?

7. Read 108-113.

8. Read 114-117.

Hymn.

Leader—What is our Church doing for those who come from European lands to America?

1. Our Immigrant Mission Board is working under three departments—A, Slav, Hungarian; B, Italian, and C, Finnish.

A. The work was begun in 1904 among the Slav and Hungarian. It has grown steadily; new calls are constantly coming. Foreign speaking students have been and are being educated as pastors. A young Slovak woman is being educated as a deaconess.

1. Many congregations have been gathered together and have contributed to build their own churches. Eleven of them in the past biennium have built or improved their churches or erected parsonages. New missions have been started.

2. New work among the refugee Assyrians was begun in Philadelphia, in Chicago among the Lithuanians, a Hungarian-Windish parish in Perth Amboy and Newark, New Jersey, was organized.

B. Italian Work.

1. There are nearly five million Italians in this country. We have five Italian pastors, three organized churches and two missions. The Martin Luther Neighborhood House is connected with our Philadelphia Mission. The work in Erie is fascinating and growing.

C. Finnish Department.

1. The Suomi Synod united with the United Lutheran Church in America and brought 80,000 souls under our influence. There are between four and five hundred thousand Finns in this country, which we may reach with the help of this brave little Synod. It maintains a College and Theological Seminary in Hancock, Michigan, which has over 100 students. Our Immigrant Board assists in supporting seven students and five missionaries. New fields are constantly opening.

(Ask your pastor for the minutes of last year's U. L. C. Convention in Chicago. Send to the Rev. J. E. Bittle, D.D., 219 Sixth St., Pittsburgh, Pa., for literature.)

Hymn.

Prayer—For our work among the foreigners.

BLAME THE TAILOR

A man was trying to sell a horse. The animal was wind-broken but sleek. The owner trotted him around for inspection and bringing him back to the prospect he stroked the horse's back and remarked, "Hasn't he a lovely coat?"

The prospect removed his pipe from his mouth and said, as he looked at the heaving flanks of the animal, "Yeah, his coat's all right, but I don't like his pants."—*Everybody's.*

Junior Department

"TAKE CARE OF THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIOR LEAGUE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"

THE JUNIOR READING COURSE

Chinese Lanterns—Meyers	$ .75
Uncle Sam's Family—McConnell	1.00
The Marigold Horse—Seebach	1.25
Best Bible Tales—Hurst	1.50
Martin of Mansfeld—Seebach	.75
Through Story-Land with the Children—Faulkner	1.25

WHAT OF MILWAUKEE?

Are *you* going to Milwaukee? Did you know that part of the program there will be a consideration of the work among the children in our churches and each Leaguer's opportunity to serve by training the children? We want not only every Junior leader, but every delegate to be interested in the Junior session. It is one reason for your going.

Thursday Morning, July 9, will be given over to the Junior Department. We have had a red circle 'round that date for quite some time.

There will first be an *address.* "Christ First in the Junior Department" will be the subject, and the speaker will be Mr. M. Haller Frey, our Junior Chairman. Mr. Frey has studied the Junior question from every angle, and knows of what he is speaking when he talks about the Juniors. He comes from Pennsylvania, the stronghold of the Junior League work. We know he will have a worthwhile and inspirational message for all.

There will next be a *Junior Conference.* Do you wish to know more about teaching the Bible to the Juniors? Do you want some fascinating plans for hand-work and story-telling? Missionary plans? Hints on teaching the story of Luther? Or the things of our Church? Here is where you will receive them. Junior plans and methods will be stressed—and this is to be a conference—a talking over of problems and plans, for mutual help and benefit.

This will be followed by a *Junior Demonstration.* One of the Milwaukee Juniors has been busy the last six weeks preparing his part, he will "be one of the speakers of the convention." There will be exercises by the Junior Luther League of St. Matthew's, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and several other features, which will make this demonstration a most interesting one.

This morning period will be followed by the *Junior Luncheon.* The convention as a whole will attend this, for the meals at the noon hour will be served in the social room of Redeemer Church. Hence all may attend this, as well as the Intermediate Luncheon on the day preceding. At this Junior luncheon we will have speeches—of a minute or two in length—from the state Junior chairmen, there will be favors or place cards, and several surprise features. We know you will not want to miss this.

There will be a *report* of the work of our Junior Department. The Junior Secretary will have some interesting things to tell concerning the work done by the Juniors since our last convention in York. Progress made since then will be shown. There will be a report given of our Special Junior Objective Fund. Will we reach the $300 mark? Also of our registration. Will we have 200 registered Leaguers? As this is written on May 14, we cannot give the final figures, but we feel sure both goals will be reached. Watch next month's REVIEW.

There will be a *Junior Exhibit.* Charts and posters to advertise the Junior meetings, interesting devices to interest the children, literature for the meetings, interesting things made by the Junior Leagues all over the country, will be on display. This will be an education in itself. Set apart a time for the examination of this material.

The Junior Secretary will be on hand during the whole convention to talk to you about any matter concerning the children, to give you suggestions, help you with your problems. She will be glad to hold conferences with any who desire.

So, dear delegate, make it a point to miss not one of the features of the Junior Department work while you are in Milwaukee, whether you are a Junior Superintendent or not. You will want to carry these good things back to your local League, and report thereon.

And you, good reader, who may not be privileged to get to Milwaukee, pray for the success of the convention, pray that the leaders may be given inspiration and guidance, and that the delegates may go back to

their respective Leagues filled with a zeal for the King's business, and especially with a vision of the need of the work among the children, and that they may respond to the call and opportunity which is theirs to guide and lead them in the Junior League.

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THE TOPICS

August 2, 1925

IN THE SOUTHERN MOUNTAINS

(Missionary)

(Mrs. A. J. Fenner)

Some mountains of the Bible.

Monday—Gen. 2:2-3. Abraham takes Isaac to Mt. Moriah to sacrifice him.
Tuesday—II. Chron. 3:1. Solomon builds the temple on Mt. Moriah.
Wednesday—Matt. 4:8. Jesus tempted on a mountain.
Thursday—Matt. 5:1. Jesus preaches the most wonderful sermon on a mountain.
Friday—Matt. 17:1-9. Jesus is transfigured on a mountain.
Saturday—Matt. 28:16-20. Jeus gives the great commission on a mountain.

Hymn—Beautiful Saviour.

Psalm 121—Recited by a Junior. As a slight introduction to the Scripture lesson, show one or two beautiful mountain scenes. A book of such can be secured from any library. Assign this duty to one of the Juniors a few days previous to the meeting. Speak of the beauty and strength of the mountains. Allow any Junior who has been in the mountains to tell about it. Did Jesus love the mountains? Lead into the Scripture Lesson.

Scripture Lesson—"Mountains of the Bible" (from Literature Headquarters, Women's Missionary Society, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Two cents a copy). Seven or eight Juniors who have come prepared answer the questions in the Scripture lesson. As the mountains are named one Junior may write them on the Board.

Topic

Leader—On this warm summer day, will you climb with me up a winding, narrow pathway which leads to a cool woodsy spot on the top of a mountain in Virginia? (If a nice day take the Juniors outside for this part of the program).

While we are resting and having a drink of the cold spring water will (Frank) tell us what kind of people live among these hills?

A Junior—These people of the southern mountains are good American people, just like ourselves, but they have not had the advantages and opportunities that we have had. If you had a mountain growing in your front yard and one in your backyard and hills all about you, it would not be so easy to run to school in the morning, would it? Then, too, suppose that the school was miles and miles away and you had to walk every bit of the distance up hill and down, would you be able to go very often?

Very few of these people learn how to read or write. There are no books or magazines in their homes. Even if they could read books they could not afford to buy them.

Leader—How do these people earn their living?

Junior—Each family has its own farm and often there is only enough raised to feed the many members of that one family. When a farm runs up hill and down, it is not easy to raise large crops. Why, one must even be careful or they might roll right out of their own farm into their neighbor's. There are few markets, and those very far away, to which the farmer might take his fruit and vegetables.

Some of the men work in the lumber camps and during the summer both men and women find work in the large hotels that are located in these mountains.

Leader—What are the homes like, in which these people live?

Junior—The homes in these mountains are built of logs, very similar to the cabin Abraham Lincoln lived in when he was a small boy.

There is no plaster or paper on the walls and often the cold wind blows right through the cracks between the logs.

There are always so many little boys and girls in each home and never beds or clothing enough to go round. Mother, father and all the children must work to keep their little family together. There are tallow candles to be made, yarn to be spun into cloth, water to be carried from the spring, the garden to be cared for and wood to be cut for the long winter.

When night comes they are all so tired they just tumble into their beds. There are no happy evenings when they read, play games, sing hymns or say an evening prayer to God. No next door playmates come to spend the evening, for neighbors are always far apart and they too have gone to bed, in order to be up with the sun next morning.

Leader—Are there any churches or Sunday Schools in the mountains?

Junior—Yes, there are a few now, since our missionaries have found these lonely people tucked away in the mountains, but like the schools they are few and very far apart.

The Sunday Schools are not like ours—just little cabins with rough wooden benches. No beautiful windows, no organs or choirs, no Sunday School papers or cards. Why! one Sunday School is held in a box car.

Of course they can love God and sing and pray to Him even in a box car, but when there is only one minister for two or three churches and the churches are miles and miles apart, they cannot have church every Sunday. How they miss hearing the beau-

tiful stories of the Bible. Don't you hope that soon we shall have many ministers, teachers, doctors and nurses, to send to these lonely people?

Leader—What are we Lutherans doing to help these people?

Junior—In the southern mountains of Virginia in a little village called Konnarock which means high rock, our Lutherans have opened a Training School for Girls. A kind Christian family gave 250 acres of beautiful mountain land on which this school is to be built. You see we have the land, but not the school. Until the money is given to build this school a kind neighbor has allowed us to use her summer camp. This neighbor is a sister of Theodore Roosevelt. Every summer her family live up here in the mountains.

The girls live at the Training School. They are being trained, so that when they leave the school, they will be able to go out among their own people and help them.

Miss Mary Smith is in charge of this school. Now only eight girls can be taken care of, but we hope soon the school can be built and then not only many girls but boys may enter.

(Pictures of this school and a letter from the girls will be found in *Lutheran Boys and Girls*, issues of April 21 and May 9, 1925, and articles and pictures in *Lutheran Woman's Work*, May, 1925.

Leader—Tell us of the Watauga Mission.

Junior—This Lutheran Mission is located in the mountains of North Carolina in a villag called Boone. (Locate both Konnarock and Boone on the map.) Rev. Jeffcoat is our missionary pastor and Miss Cora Jeffcoat a missionary supported by the Light Brigades. (*Lutheran Woman's Work*, July 1924, has many interesting articles about this Mission.)

Leader—The sun will soon be disappearing over the hills so we must hasten down the rocky pathway before it is dark. Before we go, would you like to ask God to bless and help these people of the mountains?

Sentence Prayers—That workers may be found to teach these people how to read the stories of Jesus—that funds for our Girls' School may be quickly raised—that our missionaries among these people may be given health and strength to carry on their work—that we too may do our share.

(Juniors return to church for remainder of program.)

Discussion—How we can help in the Southern Mountains. The superintendent and Juniors decide what they would like to do.

Suggestion—Write a letter to Konnarock School, care of Miss Smith, asking the girls to send a box of mountain greens. The Juniors in return send a box of story books, each Junior bringing one of his own (in good condition).

Closing Hymn—Juniors' choice.

Lord's Prayer.

August 9, 1925

SAMUEL, THE WILLING, AND SAMUELS OF LATER TIMES

(Bible Story)

Scripture lesson—Samuel 3.

(Esther E. Martin)

A Verse For Each Day

Monday—I Sam. 1:9-21. Hannah's prayer and God's answer.
Tuesday—I Sam. 2:18-19. Samuel, the child, in God's service.
Wednesday—I Sam. 3:1-10. God calls Samuel.
Thursday—I Sam. 9:15-19; 10:1. Samuel anoints Saul king over Israel.
Friday—I Sam. 15:10-23. Samuel tells Saul that God has rejected him because of his disobedience.
Saturday—I Sam. 16:6-13. Samuel annoints David king in place of Saul.

Poster—Bed in silhouette (any color) mounted on good contrasting colored mat. Pattern obtained from newspaper advertisements. Words—"How willing do you get out of bed? Come to Junior League and hear about a boy who got up when called."

Invitation—Large figure 3 cut from different colored paper. Question mark on one side, invitation to Junior League on the other. If figure is made about three-eights of an inch thick, there is plenty of room to write words around it.

Program

Hymn—Take My Life and Let It Be.
Psalm—46.
Gloria.
Prayers—Sentence.
Scripture Lesson.
Hymn—Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken.
Separation of groups—Use Lessons for Little Ones for those under 8.
Business Meeting—Or special feature.
Offering.
Topic.
Groups United.
Junior Rally Hymn.
Lord's Prayer.

The Topic

The Story of Samuel's Mother.

Many, many years before Jesus was born, there lived a woman known as Hannah. Now Hanna was a Jewish woman and loved children, but for some reason, God never sent her any. She felt very bad about it and so one day, she promised God that if He would send her a son she would give him for God's service on earth—that is, he should serve God continually in the Temple. God granted her wish, and when the little fellow came, Hannah named him Samuel, because Samuel means "asked of God." As soon as he was old enough, Hannah took him to the old priest Eli saying—"For this child I prayed and the Lord hath

given me my petition when I asked of Him. Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord: as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord."

Little Samuel's Work in the Temple.

It was customary in those days for the priests and their families to live in part of the Temple and very often children were brought to live there to become workers for the Lord. Little Samuel had his work to do. First of all, he had to learn to get up very early in the morning—as soon as daylight came—then he went to the Sanctuary and put out the candles in the seven armed candle-stick which burned through the night. Then he went about doing small chores about the Temple, acted as a sort of messenger boy, and at certain times each day learned his lessons from the old teacher and priest Eli. When evening came, he would quietly enter the Sanctuary and light the seven candles in the great candle-stick holder. As he grew older, it became his duty to look after Eli as a son might, for Eli's eyes became dim and his strength left him.

Samuel's Willingness and Obedience.

Samuel was an obedient child and willing to do anything that was asked of him, but one night, God tested him, as he sometimes tests you and I.

(Have Juniors *tell* contents of I Samuel 3:3-14.)

Now I wonder, how many of you Juniors would have acted as Samuel did? Let us hear what happened. (Read I Sam. 3:15-19.) Do you see how obedient he was even though it was not easy to tell Eli what God had said, but because God wished Eli to know, Samuel was *willing* to tell Eli even if he did not like to hurt Eli's feelings. All through his life Samuel showed willingness and obedience toward God, no matter how hard it seemed, and God was well pleased with him.

Other Samuels.

Paul. (Have Junior *tell* story of Paul's conversion—Acts 9:1-22. Superintendent should bring out fact that the first thing he did was express his willingness to do the Lord's bidding.) (Explain Paul's suffering as recorded in II Cor. 11.)

Some Samuels of today. We know a great deal about ministers, and yet have we thought of them as Samuels? They devote their lives to doing God's will, spend many years and much money in becoming educated to be fitted for it and barely get enough salary to live on. With such a wonderful education, they could make five or six times as much money doing something else, but they "love the Lord, with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their strength" and are *willing* to do all things for Christ.

Then there are *Women* Samuels whom we know as Deaconesses. They also spend much time and money in fitting themselves for God's Service. And after they have learned how to care for the sick and unfortunate, spend their lives in doing this work for very little money and their living. All of these women are *willing* to use their lives for God's Service just as Samuel was willing to serve the Lord.

Some Samuels do not have a white skin. There was Booker T. Washington, a colored man, born as a slave. He had only one name until he was about ten years old. He had a good mother, but his father was dead and there were several children. It was very hard for colored children to get an education and Booker so wanted one! When he was about ten years old (his mother did not know when his birthday was), he found a school where little black boys could go. He was very happy, but when the teacher asked his name, all he knew was Booker. He had heard about George Washington, so when he noticed that all the other children had two names, he said his name was Booker Washington—not that he wanted to tell a story, but he really named himself. He finished this school and later worked his way through another one at Hampton. Finally he became a teacher in this school. He knew how hard it was for Negro boys to get an education, so after a while, started a school at Tuskegee. He worked hard to make it a success, even though at times, he did not know where he would get money to make it go. He taught the boys how to eat properly, how to fight disease, how to care for their bodies, how to earn a decent living in addition to giving them an education. He could have gone into work that might have made him rich, but he believed in helping his fellow Negroes and was *willing* to devote his life to serving them. White people everywhere began helping him and when he died, he had founded one of the finest schools in the country, which is for the use of Negroes.

Jesus said—"but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Is this not true of all these? And then again Jesus said—"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." So by serving others we may draw others to God. Juniors, how does this lesson apply to you?

Discussion.

August 16, 1925

SERVING GOD IN OUR LEAGUE

(The Devotional Meeting)

(Point 14, Junior Standard of Efficiency)

A Verse For Each Day

Monday—Mark 12:30. Leaguers must love Jesus above all else.
Tuesday—I John 4:7-8, 19-21. Leaguers must have love for others.
Wednesday—Matt. 6:6. Leaguers must pray.
Thursday—John 15:16. Leaguers must do good deeds.
Friday—John 15:1-8. Leaguers must get their life from Jesus.
Saturday—Luke 6:38. Leaguers must be liberal.

Program

Hymn—Saviour, Teach Me Day by Day.

Bible Lesson—The six Daily Bible Readings given by six of the Juniors.

Sentence Prayers—By Juniors—that the meeting today may be a success; that all the Junior Leagues may be helped; that the work of the Leagues may first of all be Christlike; for the pastor, for the work of the church, for the superintendent, for the officers of the League.

Hymn—Let Juniors choose.

Topic—By Juniors.

Question Box—Discussion on topic: How can we make our Junior League better? Why should every member come to each devotional meeting? What do we learn in the meetings? How can we have better meetings? What is each members' part? (Led by Superintendent.)

Osering, Announcements, Closing Exercises.

The Topic

Leader—We are going to talk today about our regular Junior League meetings, about our devotional meetings. Why do we have these meetings? Can some one tell us?

John—We have our Junior meetings first of all that we may learn more of God, and how we can best love Him and serve Him.

Ruth—We have devotional meetings that we may learn to pray.

Mary—We learn in these meetings more about the Bible.

Alfred—In these meetings we learn the hymns of the Church.

William—In these meetings we learn why we should go to church, and we form the habit of going.

Alice—We learn about the things of the Church in these devotional meetings.

Leader—Yes, the devotional meeting helps us in all those ways. What must we do, if these meetings are to help us?

John—First of all, each one of us must be here. We cannot get any good from a Junior League meeting, if we are not there. Our 16-Point Program says at least eighty per cent. or four-fifths of the boys and girls ought to be present at at least forty meetings, to be even a Standard League. I don't see why we cannot be an Honor League, and have every member at every (Sunday) meeting. We can if we try.

Ruth—We can pray in the meetings. When prayer is called for we ought not be afraid to give a short sentence prayer. Sometimes we can give longer ones. This is the place where we can learn to pray.

Mary—We ought each one to bring our Bible to the meeting. We should learn to know the Bible, where we can find certain stories, where our memory verses are found; we should be ready to read from it at all times when we are called on to read.

Alfred—We should have good singing in the Junior League, too. We can all sing heartily. We can learn new hymns. Perhaps we could have a Junior choir, with some of us to lead the singing. We can learn the stories of some of the hymns.

William—We can have a "Go to Church" Band in our League, and see that the members go to church.

Alice—We can learn more of the things of the Church in these devotional meetings. We can learn parts of the Morning Service, so that we understand it when we go to church. We can learn all about the history of our church. We can learn all about the customs of the Church, the church seasons, etc.

Leader—Yes these are all things we can do in the meeting. What else can we do?

John—We can all take part in the meeting.

Ruth—When we are called on to lead the meeting we should do so willingly.

Mary—When we are given a part of the Topic to talk about in the meeting we should be glad to do it.

Alfred—When some special work is given us to do, we should willingly do our work in the very best way we can.

Leader—How else can we help make our devotional meetings a success?

Alfred—We can bring others to these meetings.

William—We can help get ready for them before the meeting.

Alice—I will see that there are flowers and decorations always ready for the meeting.

John—I will see that the chairs are ready.

Alfred—I will distribute the Bibles.

William—And I will pass out the hymn books.

Alice, Ruth, Mary—And we will see that our parts are ready for the program.

Leader—Then I am sure if every one helps that we will have good meetings.

August 23, 1925

BIBLE HERO STORY HOUR

(Miss Laura Wade Rice)

A VERSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday—Acts 3:1-11. A lame man healed.
Tuesday—Acts 8:26-40. Philip teaches the Ethiopian.
Wednesday—Acts 9:36-43. Dorcas is raised from the dead.
Thursday—Acts 9:1-9. Saul tries to destroy Christians.
Friday—Acts 9:10-20. Saul is converted.
Saturday—Acts 9:22-27. Saul escapes from his enemies.

Hymn.

Prayer.

Leader—We will have a sort of Guessing Story time today. We will read you the story, and you will tell me the name of its hero.

First Junior—I am thinking about a boy who was born in a far-away, long-ago heathen city. As he grew up he turned away from idols and thought about the One True God and prayed to Him. One day God spoke to him and told him to leave his home and country and go to a land He would show him. He obeyed. He took his flocks and herds. Some of his relations went too. At last he came to the land. The first thing he did was to build an altar to God and pray to Him. What was his name?

(Have Juniors answer each time.)

Second Junior—I am thinking of a girl. She lived with her parents and brothers. One day she went to the well to draw water and saw a party of travelers coming. She gave the head man a drink and told him she would water his camels, too. When he asked who she was and she told him, he thanked God that he had found her. He asked her father to let her go home with him to be the wife of his master's son. They agreed and she went with him. Tell her name, the master's name, and the name of the man whom she married.

Third Junior—I am thinking of a woman who had to hide her child to keep him from being killed. She hid him, but he was found and his life was spared. He grew up to be a great general, a great leader and a great writer. Tell his name, how he was saved, and what people he led. Tell his mother's name.

Fourth Junior—There were enemies all around the man I am thinking about. They stole all they could. So he was threshing his grain in a hidden place when an angel spoke to him, and said God had chosen him to drive the enemy away. The Lord sent away many men who would have helped him fight, so that His people should know it was God who gave them the victory and not their soldiers. They had no swords or guns, each soldier carried only three queer things. The enemy was so frightened that in the darkness they killed one another. What was the leader's name, what did the soldiers carry, and what did they do with them?

Fifth Junior—I am thinking of a girl who was in a heathen land, but who worshiped God. She was very beautiful and was chosen to be the wife of the King. Her parents were dead and her cousin had raised her. A wicked man hated her cousin, who was a Jew, and decided to kill all the Jews, to take his spite out on the cousin. There was no way to save them but for the girl-queen to go to the king. But if he happened not to want to see her she would be put to death. She bravely took her life in her hands, went to the king, and saved her people. Tell her name, the name of the King, her cousin, and of the wicked man.

Sixth Junior—I am thinking of four boys who were taken captive and led far away from home. At school they decided to be temperance boys and keep God's laws. Afterwards one was put in a den of wild beasts—tell why—and the others into a fiery furnace—tell why—and tell their names.

The Junior Superintendent may then go on with several other people in the Bible, and then call on the Juniors to give several more "they are thinking of" for the other Juniors to guess.

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August 30, 1925

MISSIONARY HERO STORY HOUR

(Miss Laura Wade Rice)

A VERSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday—Acts 10:1-8. God answers Cornelius the centurion's prayer.
Tuesday—Acts 10:9-18. Peter has a vision.
Wednesday—Acts 10:19-35, 47-48. Peter visits Cornelius and baptizes his whole family.
Thursday—Acts 12:1-19. Herod puts Peter in prison. An angel delivers him.
Friday—Acts 16:1-34. Paul converts the jailor.
Saturday—Acts 27:1-2, 14-44. Paul is shipwrecked.

Hymn.

Scripture.

Prayer.

Leader—A hero is one who forgets himself in doing a helpful deed or deeds for others. You can tell the names of the heroes we have had in these lessons. Suppose you appoint four Captains—Captain North, Captain South, Captain East and Captain West. Now—take your places, North at the north side of the room, East at the east, and so on. The Captains are not to answer, only the rest of you Juniors.

Now, Juniors, tell me the name of one of our heroes, about whom we have studied. The Snow-King? Yes, but what was his name? Yes, Gustavus Adolphus. The Junior who gave it stand with Captain North, and tell us about Gustavus Adolphus. (Follow this plan with each name given.)

Who can give another hero? Yes, the Bible translator. What was his name? To which Captain do you go? Yes, to Captain

East—for China is in the East. Tell us about Robert Morrison.

Another? Muhlenberg! To which Captain? West—yes. Tell his story. Now, does anyone know about David Livingstone? He goes to the South. Tell his story.

Now, let us take some of our Bible heroes. You know a great many of them. To which Captain do they go? Give only the names of those who did some missionary work. (Superintendent lets a number of the Juniors name some Bible characters, go to Captain East, and each tell what they know of same.)

Leader—Now, we are going to hear of some more heroes, about whom perhaps you do not know so well. They will each tell their own stories. (These Juniors should have the names of the missionaries they represent printed on slips of white paper, pinned across their shoulder, in order to fix the names upon the minds of the rest of the Juniors.)

First Junior—I went to Constantinople at the time when the great Crimean war was being fought. I went there to preach the Gospel, and soon found that a college where the boys might be taught was badly needed. But there was no money, nothing, and the only thing there seemed for me to do was to bake bread, for the people did not know how to make good bread, the soldiers were hungry and starving, and food was needed. So I became a baker. Afterward, when the war was over, a rich man came and gave me money for a college. My name is Cyrus Hamlin. (See story "A Baker by Necessity," in "Under Many Flags.")

Second Junior—"The Hero of the New Hebrides" is what I have been called. I went to these islands when they were inhabited by cannibals, I taught them of our God, I wrote books for them, I led them to Jesus. My name is John G. Paton.

Third Junior—I am a cobbler. I mended shoes for a living, but I worked for the Lord Jesus Christ. Above my shoe-maker's bench was a map, and on it with bits of leather was marked the places in the world where the Gospel was not known. I prayed and talked about sending the Light to the places in darkness, and at last I went to India as one of the first missionaries to India. My motto was "Attempt great things for God—expect great things from God." My name is William Carey.

Fourth Junior—A little Japanese boy wanted to know about the God "who made heaven and earth," about which he read on a little scrap of paper he had picked up. All he knew was the wooden gods in the temples. So he ran away, went first to China, then to America, and heard of our One true living God. He went to school, and then went back as a missionary to his own people, to tell them the Good Tidings. His name was Joseph Hardy Neesima.

Fifth Junior—George Leslie Mackay is my name. I went to Formosa, a heathen land, and found there everyone with toothache, caused by the chewing of a nut which decayed their teeth. I could not preach to people in pain, so I became a dentist, pulling teeth in a land of toothache. With the "evil spirit" out of their mouths, the people listened to the message of the Gospel, churches built, and many became Christians.

(The Junior Secretary has taken the liberty to insert the above five paragraphs. Additional sketches may be added, and the above enlarged if desired—from the book "Fifty Missionary Stories—by Belle M. Brain.)

Sing a verse of a hymn between these sketches.

Leader—There is one thing you must have noticed in all these hero stories. These missionary heroes while they forgot themselves and did great deeds which helped others, did not just work for others. They each and all had a Hero for whose sake and in whose Name they did their great and brave deeds. Who was He? Yes, Jesus Christ—the Hero of Heroes. And He belongs to neither the East nor the West, the North or the South, He belongs to all, for He died for all.

We call these missionary heroes. A mission is an errand and a missionary is one sent on an errand. Who can tell the words which the great Hero Missionary Who came to earth from heaven said to His friends which made them become missionaries? Yes—"go ye into all the world, and make disciples of all nations." And remember, each one of the eleven apostles was a missionary, and they were because they went into other lands and did heroic things for Jesus sake, so people would learn to know and love Him, and choose Him for their Saviour from sin, and grow like Him.

Prayer—Dear Lord Jesus, Thou art the great Hero. We boys and girls love Thee. We want to please Thee now and do what seem like little things for Thee now, so we will be ready to do greater things for Thee whenever Thou dost call us to do them. Help us to remember that every time now when we give up our own way and do Thy way it helps us to grow ready to be Thy heroes in larger things. Keep close to us, Lord Jesus, and keep our hearts close to Thee. Amen.

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NEWS ITEMS

MILWAUKEE HOTELS

Wisconsin Hotel (convention headquarters), 172 Third street. Single rooms $2 to $2.50 without bath, $3 to $4 with bath; double rooms $3 to $4 without bath, $5 to $8 with bath.

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1925 LUTHERAN SUMMER SCHOOLS SCHEDULED

Summer schools are now under consideration by many of our people, an increasing number of whom annuallly attend these summer assemblies held in our various institutions and other centers. So far as these summer schools have been reported to us the following is the schedule of dates and places:

Midland College, Fremont, Neb., June 15 to 25.
Philadelphia, June 26 to July 3.
Waterloo, Ont., June 30 to July 3.
Laurel, Miss., July 20 to 23.
Greenville, Pa., July 25 to August 1.
Lakeside, Ohio, July 27 to August 2.
Rock River, Ill., July 27 to August 2.
Gettysburg, Pa., July 31 to August 7.
Newberry, S. C., August 10 to 19.
Hickory, N. C., August 19 to 26.
Susquehanna, Selinsgrove, Pa., August 18 to 27.
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NEW JERSEY

ATONEMENT, ASBURY PARK

A unique and interesting event was given by the Luther League on April 24, when a Chinese Tea was held. A one act play, "The Gospel According to Telephone," representing a long distance call from the Orient, telling of the needs of China, was well presented by the Leaguers, who impersonated the Central Operator, The Trouble Chief, Miss Asbury Park, and Miss Orient. Miss Helen Gates, a local girl home from China on furlough, followed the play with an interesting lecture on the customs and needs of the land. Chinese refreshments were served by girls in costumes brought from the Orient, and Chinese decorations and curios, arranged by one of the Leaguers, gave an Oriental setting to the room.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE

The Christian Endeavor Societies of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Caroline and Lanvale streets, Baltimore, Md., held their annual Missionary service on January 25, at 8 p. m., in the church auditorium.

The usual custom was planned to have a missionary gave the address, and this year we were especially fortunate in securing Professor R. B. Mannikam, a native Hindu of high intellect. He is studying the subject of religious education and psychology at Union Theological Seminary, where he won a prize scholarship, and he also attends lectures on philosophy at Columbia University from which he hopes to secure a degree of Ph.D. at the end of two years.

Mr. Mannikam gave us a stirring address on India and displayed a deep and keen interest in the Andhra Christian College, of which faculty he hopes to become a member.

The Endeavors, after the service held a personal interview with Mr. Mannikam and learned much about his personal affairs and his loyal interest in the Andhra College. The next evening, at the regular business session of the Senior Society, a motion was made and seconded that they pledge $1,000 to the building of this college, to be paid within three years. This met with such hearty response, that subscriptions show we are within easy reach of our goal, but then isn't that characteristic of our Christian Endeavor?

On January 18, 1925, at the regular Sunday evening session of the Senior Society of Christian Endeavor, of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Caroline and Lanvale streets, Baltimore, Md., we had the extreme pleasure of hearing an address delivered by Sister Clara Smyre, who is in charge of the Children's Home of Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Along with the many interesting facts and various hardships and necessities was the extreme need of an oil stove. Endeavors gave attentive ears to Sister Clara's talk, but the thought of the oil stove was prevalent in many minds, and immediately at the close of her talk,

we were indeed anxious to inform her that our society would gladly and lovingly send her the stove she wanted. While only a two or three burner stove was asked for, our society knew that a larger one would suit the needs better, and the result was that a four burner cabinet stove with an oven attached, was shipped direct to Sister Clara with best wishes that it will help in her work, and in turn help those who are being brought to the Light through her efforts.

WISCONSIN

ATONEMENT, RACINE.

The Luther League of the Church of the Atonement, Racine, held its seventh annual banquet in the church parlors on Washington's Birthday. The tables were decorated in red, white and blue. The speakers were the State president, the Rev. William Niebling, Mr. Leonard Lindh, the local League president, and the Rev. Mr. Dressler.

A League prophecy, "Our Friends of 1935," several humorous readings, a playlet, "Old Sweethearts," several musical numbers, and radio selections made up the rest of the program.

Atonement League had as its guests the members of Holy Communion and Emmanuel Leagues.

EPIPHANY, MILWAUKEE.

The Church of the Epiphany which recently organized its League, is making fine progress. The present membership is about thirty. Meetings are held twice a month, at which the League topics are used. The work for devotional meetings is planned four months in advance. The League is planning to take a large part in the entertainment of the Luther League of America which meets in convention in Milwaukee in July. The officers are: President, Carl V. Raupach; vice-president, Miss Florence Magerfleisch; secretary, Mr. Edward Voss; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. H. Kaestner, and treasurer, Miss Mildred Waldeck.

MICHIGAN

The summer school for church workers of the Michigan Synod will be held at Oakwood Park, Lake Wawasee, near Syracuse, Ind., July 13-17.

The program combines religious instruction, inspiration and recreation, with fellowship and good times. The courses include, Bible Study, Sunday School Work, Missions, Methods and Text-books, Stewardship, Brotherhood, Luther League, Conference Sessions, and a Children's Story Hour.

The faculty is composed of the Rev. S. P. Long, D.D., the Rev. O. Ingvolstadt, D.D., the Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., Rev. J. Roy Strock, Mrs. Howard Bechtold, Mr. Harry Hodges, Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, Mrs. F. G. Zwerner, and others.

The cost will not be great. For reservations, accommodations, etc., write to P. W. Soltau, Oakwood Park, Syracuse, Ind. For information concerning the program write to the secretary, the Rev. H. W. Hanshue, 811 Seventh street, Three Rivers, Mich.

This summer school is a new venture, conducted and approved by the Michigan Synod. A large attendance of the church workers will make it a success.

OHIO

CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Central District Luther League of Ohio held their convention on February 21, in St. Luke's Church, Mansfield. The opening address, "Looking Forward," was given by the president, John K. Linsenmayer. "The Call of Youth," by Rev. John S. Tome, and "Our Conference Program," by the Rev. E. P. Scharf, together with musical numbers, constituted the morning session. At the afternoon session, talks by Leaguers on "My Personal God" and "My Church in My Life," and address, "Our Youth for the Church," by the Rev. L. H. Larimer, D.D., and group conferences for girls, boys and pastors, made up the program. A banquet enlivened by an orchestra was held at 5:30, and at the evening session the main feature was the presentation of the pageant, "The Reply of Youth," directed by Miss Margaret Simmonds, religious instructor in the Mansfield schools.

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